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AND

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT, FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS THEREOF AND FOR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. *Chap.* 1

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes specified, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

For the compensation of senators, forty-one thousand dollars. *Senators, compensation.*

For compensation for travel of senators, a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars. *Travel.*

For the compensation of representatives, two hundred and forty-one thousand dollars. *Representatives, compensation.*

For compensation for travel of representatives, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand dollars. *Travel.*

For the salary of Henry D. Coolidge, clerk of the senate, thirty-five hundred dollars. *Clerk of the senate.*

For the salary of James W. Kimball, clerk of the house of representatives, thirty-five hundred dollars. *Clerk of the house.*

For the salary of William H. Sanger, assistant clerk of the senate, twenty-five hundred dollars. *Assistant clerk of the senate.*

For the salary of Frank E. Bridgman, assistant clerk of the house of representatives, twenty-five hundred dollars. *Assistant clerk of the house.*

For such additional clerical assistance to the clerk of the senate as may be necessary for the proper despatch of public business, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. *Clerical assistance, senate.*

For such additional clerical assistance to the clerk of the house of representatives as may be necessary for the proper *Clerical assistance, house.*

despatch of public business, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Doorkeepers,  
etc.

For the salaries of the doorkeepers of the senate and house of representatives, and the postmaster, five thousand dollars.

Assistant  
doorkeepers,  
etc.

For the compensation of assistant doorkeepers and messengers to the senate and house of representatives, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand four hundred dollars.

Pages.

For the compensation of the pages to the senate and house of representatives, a sum not exceeding sixty-one hundred and twenty dollars.

Chaplains.

For the compensation of the chaplains of the senate and house of representatives, twelve hundred dollars.

Expenses of  
committees.

For authorized expenses of committees of the present general court, including clerical assistance to committees authorized to employ the same, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

Advertising  
hearings, etc.

For expenses of advertising hearings of the committees of the present general court, including expenses of preparing and mailing the advertisements to the various newspapers, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Witness fees,  
etc.

For expenses of summoning witnesses, and for fees of such witnesses, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

For printing and binding ordered by the senate and house of representatives, or by concurrent order of the two branches, a sum not exceeding fifty-eight thousand dollars.

Manual.

For printing and binding the manual for the general court, under the direction of the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, a sum not exceeding fifty-four hundred dollars.

Publication  
of bulletin.

For expenses in connection with the publication of the bulletin of committee hearings, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

Senate  
stationery.

For stationery for the senate, purchased by the clerk, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

House  
stationery.

For stationery for the house of representatives, purchased by the clerk, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Contingent  
expenses.

For contingent expenses of the senate and house of representatives, and necessary expenses in and about the state house, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 16, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WOBURN TO BORROW *Chap. 2*  
MONEY AND ISSUE NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COL-  
LECTION OF REVENUE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Woburn is hereby authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding sixty thousand dollars in anticipation of the collection of the revenue of the financial year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the amount so borrowed to be payable therefrom; and the treasurer of the city is authorized to issue a note or notes of the city, countersigned by the mayor and auditor, for the whole or any part of said amount. Said notes shall be paid not later than the first day of July, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and if issued for a shorter period may be refunded by the issue of new notes payable within the required period and no appropriation shall be made chargeable to revenue derived from the taxes of nineteen hundred and fourteen until all loans incurred on account of such taxes shall have been paid.

City of  
Woburn may  
borrow money  
in anticipation  
of revenue, etc.

SECTION 2. Securities issued under authority of this act shall be deemed to be outside the statutory limit of indebtedness of the city.

Securities  
issued outside  
debt limit.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 23, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER SUBSIDIES TO *Chap. 3*  
CITIES AND TOWNS FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING  
TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-nine thousand eight hundred sixty-eight dollars and forty-four cents is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to certain cities and towns for amounts to which they are entitled for establishing and maintaining tuberculosis hospitals, during the period ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Subsidies to  
cities and towns  
for establishing,  
etc., tubercu-  
losis hospitals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 27, 1915.*

*Chap.* 4 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CAMBRIDGE FUNERAL ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Cambridge  
Funeral  
Association.

Purposes.

Membership  
limited.

Powers, rights,  
etc.

SECTION 1. Alfred Belanger, Edward J. Peltier, Walter W. Terrio, Ovide Arel and Peter D. Nadeau, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Cambridge Funeral Association, to be situated in the city of Cambridge for the purpose and with the power of providing, through assessments upon its members, the funds necessary for defraying the burial expenses of deceased members and of their deceased dependent children; the membership to be limited to French people and their descendants who are or have been residents of Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont or Watertown. The said corporation, except as herein otherwise provided, shall have and may exercise all the powers, rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and requirements conferred or imposed by laws now or hereafter in force applicable to fraternal beneficiary corporations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved January 29, 1915.*

*Chap.* 5 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation,  
Massachusetts  
State Firemen's  
Association.

SECTION 1. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided by chapter one hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap.* 6 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE STATE LIBRARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
state library.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the state library, for the fiscal



year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

For the salary of the librarian, four thousand dollars.

Librarian,  
salary, clerical  
services, etc.

For clerical services, for the accommodation of visitors, and for any other services required for the care, maintenance and working of the library, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand and ten dollars.

For incidental expenses, including the printing and binding of the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Incidental  
expenses, etc.

For books, binding, cataloguing and indexing, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Books,  
binding, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. *Chap. 7*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC RECORDS. *Chap. 8*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the commissioner of public records, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Appropriations,  
commissioner  
of public  
records.

For the salary of the commissioner, three thousand dollars.

Commissioner,  
salary.

For travelling, clerical and other necessary expenses of the commissioner, including the printing of the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-nine hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Expenses.

For the purchase of ink for public records, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Purchase  
of ink.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap.* 9 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION  
AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
state ballot law  
commission.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the state ballot law commission, for the year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Commissioners.

For compensation of the commissioners, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Expenses.

For expenses, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

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*Chap.* 10 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE WORCESTER  
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Worcester  
Polytechnic  
Institute.

SECTION 1. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, as provided for by chapter eighty-seven of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

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*Chap.* 11 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE OLD PROVINCIAL STATE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Old provincial  
state house,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, toward the maintenance of the old provincial state house in the city of Boston, during the present fiscal year, as provided by chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 12*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses in the executive department, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

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| For the salary of the governor, ten thousand dollars.  | Appropriations.<br>Governor, salary. |
| For the salary of the lieutenant governor, two thousand dollars; and for the salaries of the council, eight thousand dollars. For travelling expenses of the council, from and to their homes, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. | Lieutenant governor and council.     |
| For the salary of the private secretary of the governor, four thousand dollars.  | Private secretary.                   |
| For the salary of the assistant private secretary of the governor, two thousand dollars.   | Assistant private secretary.         |
| For the salary of the executive secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars.  | Executive secretary.                 |
| For the salary of the present stenographer, a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars.  | Stenographer.                        |
| For the salary of the messenger, twelve hundred dollars.   | Messenger.                           |
| For the salary of the assistant messenger, one thousand dollars.   | Assistant messenger, salary.         |
| For contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.   | Contingent expenses.                 |
| For postage, printing and stationery, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.   | Postage, printing, etc.              |
| For expenses incurred in the arrest of fugitives from justice, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.   | Arrest of fugitives.                 |
| For travelling and contingent expenses of the governor and council, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.   | Travelling expenses, etc.            |
| For postage, printing and stationery for the council, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.  | Council, postage, etc.               |
| For the preparation of tables and indexes relating to the statutes of the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.  | Tables and indexes to statutes.      |

Extraordinary  
expenses.

For payment of extraordinary expenses, to be expended under the direction of the governor and council, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 13* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the controller of county accounts, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Controller,  
salary.

For the salary of the controller, twenty-five hundred dollars.

First deputy.

For the salary of the first deputy, eighteen hundred dollars.

Second deputy.

For the salary of the second deputy, fifteen hundred dollars.

Third deputy.

For the salary of the third deputy, fifteen hundred dollars.

Fourth deputy.

For the salary of the fourth deputy, twelve hundred dollars.

Travelling and  
office expenses.

For travelling and office expenses of the controller and his deputies, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-four hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 14* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the treasurer and receiver general, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Treasurer  
and receiver  
general, salary.

For the salary of the treasurer and receiver general, five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the deputy treasurer, three thousand dollars. Deputy treasurer.

For the salary of the accountant, twenty-five hundred dollars. Accountant.

For the salary of the receiving teller, two thousand dollars. Receiving teller.

For the salary of the assistant receiving teller, fifteen hundred dollars. Assistant receiving teller.

For the salary of the paying teller, two thousand dollars. Paying teller.

For the salary of the assistant paying teller, fifteen hundred dollars. Assistant paying teller.

For the salary of the cashier, twenty-five hundred dollars. Cashier.

For the salary of the assistant bookkeeper, fifteen hundred dollars. Assistant bookkeeper.

For the salary of the fund clerk, fifteen hundred dollars. Fund clerk.

For the salary of the bond clerk, eighteen hundred dollars. Bond clerk.

For the salary of the warrant clerk, twelve hundred dollars. Warrant clerk.

For the salary of the record clerk, one thousand dollars. Record clerk.

For the salary of the stenographer, twelve hundred dollars. Stenographer.

For the salary of the messenger, one thousand dollars. Messenger.

For such additional clerical assistance as may be necessary for the despatch of public business, a sum not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars. Clerical assistance.

For incidental and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars. Incidental and contingent expenses.

For such expenses as the treasurer and receiver general may find necessary in carrying out the provisions of the act imposing a tax on collateral legacies and successions, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. Additional expenses.

For expenses in connection with preparing and advertising bond sales, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. Preparing, etc., bond sales.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY. *Chap. 15*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the board of registration in dentistry, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations.

Members,  
salaries.

For the salaries of the members, seventeen hundred dollars.

Clerical  
services.

For clerical services, postage, printing, travelling and other necessary expenses, to include printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 16* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN VETERINARY MEDICINE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the board of registration in veterinary medicine, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Members,  
salaries.

For the salaries of the members, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Travelling, etc.,  
expenses.

For travelling and other expenses, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 17* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the attorney-general, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Attorney-  
general, salary.

For the salary of the attorney-general, seven thousand dollars.

Assistants,  
compensation.

For the compensation of assistants in his office, and for such additional legal assistance as may be deemed necessary, and also for any other necessary expenses, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. Chap. 18

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the commissioner of weights and measures, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations.

For the salary of the commissioner, two thousand dollars. Commissioner,  
salary.

For the salaries of inspectors, nine thousand dollars. Inspectors.

For clerical services, travel and contingent office expenses, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars. Clerical  
services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, PRISON OFFICERS AND CERTAIN OTHERS RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INJURED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. Chap. 19

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes specified, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations.

For the compensation of veterans of the civil war and certain others formerly in the service of the commonwealth and now retired from that service, a sum not exceeding sixty thousand dollars. Retired  
veterans.

For the compensation of certain prison officers and inspectors formerly in the service of the commonwealth and now retired, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars. Retired prison  
officers, etc.

For compensation of district police officers formerly in the service of the commonwealth and now retired, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars. Retired district  
police officers.

For a certain veteran of the civil war formerly employed at the Massachusetts Soldiers' Home and now retired, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. Retired  
employee of  
Massachusetts  
Soldiers' Home.

Retired women  
employees of  
the sergeant-  
at-arms.

For compensation of certain women formerly employed by the sergeant-at-arms in cleaning the state house, as authorized by chapter seven hundred and eleven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and eighty dollars.

Injured  
employees.

For the compensation of certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Annuities to  
soldiers, etc.

For the payment of annuities to soldiers and others, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars.

Pensions.

For pensions, the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 20* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the state board of conciliation and arbitration, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Members,  
salaries.

For the salaries of the members, seventy-five hundred dollars.

Secretary.

For the salary of the secretary, fifteen hundred dollars.

Travelling, etc.,  
expenses.

For travelling, incidental and contingent expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, and the compensation of expert assistants, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved January 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 21* AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOARD OF TRADE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Westfield  
Board of Trade.

SECTION 1. Frank Grant, George D. Roe, Archie D. Robinson, Harry C. Lane, Herbert N. Kingsbury, George H. Sharp, Lewis C. Parker, Lewis B. Allyn, John O. McKeon, Robert Gowdy, Ralph G. Rogers, Frederick F. Shepard, George L. Maschin, Denison H. Loomis, Percy N. Hall,



James R. Gladwin, Luther E. Hollister, LeRoy C. Coburn, George H. Plourd, William P. Crane, Henry S. Miller, Richard T. Carrier, Fred G. Farr, Thomas J. Cooley, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Westfield Board of Trade.

SECTION 2. The purposes of the corporation shall be to advance the commercial, industrial and civic interests of the town of Westfield, to promote integrity and good faith, just and equitable principles in business, uniformity in commercial usages, and to acquire, preserve and distribute industrial, commercial and civic statistics and information of value, to discover and correct abuses, to prevent or adjust controversies, and to establish and maintain a place for business and social meetings.

To advance commercial, etc., interests of Westfield.

SECTION 3. The corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force, applicable to such corporations and not inconsistent with this act.

Powers and privileges.

SECTION 4. The corporation shall have power to make suitable by-laws, and to carry out all powers hereby granted, including provisions as to the admission, suspension and expulsion of members and a delegation of power to officers, committees and directors.

May make by-laws.

SECTION 5. The management and control of the property and affairs of said corporation, subject to its by-laws, shall be vested in a board of ten directors, who shall be elected as may be provided in the by-laws, and there shall be such other officers, with such duties, as the by-laws may prescribe.

Board of directors.

SECTION 6. The corporation is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, with authority to sell, purchase, mortgage, lease or rent the same or any part thereof.

May hold real, etc., estate.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 4, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Chap. 22*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth

Appropriations.

from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the judicial department of the commonwealth, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

#### SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

Chief justice and associate justices, salaries.

For the salaries and travelling expenses of the chief justice and of the six associate justices, seventy-four thousand dollars.

Retired justices.

For the salaries of the retired justices, twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerk.

For the salary of the clerk, three thousand dollars.

Clerical assistance to clerk.

For clerical assistance to the clerk, eight hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance to justices.

For clerical assistance to the justices, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

Expenses.

For expenses of the supreme judicial court, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Reporter of decisions, etc.

For the salary of the reporter of decisions, four thousand dollars; and for clerk hire and incidental expenses of said reporter, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Officers and messengers.

For the salaries of the officers and messengers, twenty-four hundred dollars.

Clerk, Suffolk county.

For the salary of the clerk for the county of Suffolk, fifteen hundred dollars.

Assistant clerk.

For the salary of the assistant clerk for the county of Suffolk, five hundred dollars.

#### SUPERIOR COURT.

Justices, salaries.

For the salaries and travelling expenses of the chief justice and of the twenty-seven associate justices, two hundred thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Assistant clerk.

For the salary of the assistant clerk, five hundred dollars.

Printing, etc.

For printing, transportation of papers and documents, and for incidental expenses of the superior court, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

#### COURTS OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Judge of probate and insolvency, Barnstable, Berkshire.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Barnstable, eighteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Berkshire, twenty-five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Bristol, Bristol.  
forty-five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Dukes County, Dukes County.  
thirteen hundred dollars.

For the salaries of the two judges for the county of Essex, Essex.  
eight thousand dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Franklin, Franklin.  
eighteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Hampden, Hampden.  
thirty-eight hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Hampshire, Hampshire.  
eighteen hundred dollars.

For the salaries of the two judges for the county of Middle- Middlesex.  
sex, twelve thousand dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Nantucket, Nantucket.  
thirteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Norfolk, Norfolk.  
five thousand dollars.

For the salary of the judge for the county of Plymouth, Plymouth.  
twenty-seven hundred dollars.

For the salaries of the two judges for the county of Suffolk, Suffolk.  
fourteen thousand dollars.

For the salaries of the two judges for the county of Worces- Worcester.  
ter, nine thousand dollars.

For the salaries of retired judges, a sum not exceeding Retired judges.  
thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

For the compensation of judges acting in other counties Judges acting  
in other  
counties.  
than their own, a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Barnstable, Register of  
probate and  
insolvency,  
Barnstable.  
sixteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Berkshire, Berkshire.  
nineteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Bristol, Bristol.  
thirty-five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Dukes Dukes County.  
County, one thousand dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Essex, Essex.  
thirty-five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Franklin, Franklin.  
sixteen hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Hampden, Hampden.  
thirty-one hundred dollars.

For the salary of the register for the county of Hampshire, Hampshire.  
sixteen hundred dollars.

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| Middlesex.                       | For the salary of the register for the county of Middlesex, five thousand dollars.  |
| Nantucket.                       | For the salary of the register for the county of Nantucket, one thousand dollars.   |
| Norfolk.                         | For the salary of the register for the county of Norfolk, twenty-seven hundred dollars.   |
| Plymouth.                        | For the salary of the register for the county of Plymouth, twenty-two hundred dollars.  |
| Suffolk.                         | For the salary of the register for the county of Suffolk, five thousand dollars.  |
| Worcester.                       | For the salary of the register for the county of Worcester, thirty-five hundred dollars.  |
| Assistant register, Barnstable.  | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Barnstable, eight hundred dollars.   |
| Berkshire.                       | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Berkshire, twelve hundred dollars.   |
| Bristol.                         | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Bristol, twenty-three hundred dollars.   |
| Essex.                           | For the salaries of the assistant registers for the county of Essex, forty-one hundred dollars.   |
| Franklin.                        | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Franklin, eight hundred dollars.   |
| Hampden.                         | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Hampden, fifteen hundred and fifty dollars.  |
| Hampshire.                       | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Hampshire, eight hundred dollars.  |
| Middlesex.                       | For the salaries of the first and second assistant registers for the county of Middlesex, fifty-three hundred dollars; and for the salary of Nellie H. Philbrick, third assistant register, twenty-three hundred dollars. |
| Norfolk.                         | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Norfolk, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.   |
| Plymouth.                        | For the salary of the assistant register for the county of Plymouth, eleven hundred dollars.  |
| Suffolk.                         | For the salaries of the assistant registers for the county of Suffolk, six thousand dollars.  |
| Worcester.                       | For the salaries of the assistant registers for the county of Worcester, thirty-five hundred dollars.   |
| Clerical assistance, Barnstable. | For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Barnstable, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.  |
| Berkshire.                       | For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Berkshire, a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars.  |
| Bristol.                         | For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Bristol, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents.   |

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Dukes County.  
Dukes County, a sum not exceeding three hundred dol-  
lars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Essex.  
Essex, a sum not exceeding seven thousand sixteen dollars  
and sixty-seven cents.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Franklin.  
Franklin, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Hampden.  
Hampden, a sum not exceeding thirty-one hundred thirty-  
three dollars and thirty-three cents.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Hampshire.  
Hampshire, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Middlesex.  
Middlesex, a sum not exceeding ninety-one hundred sixty-  
six dollars and sixty-seven cents.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Nantucket.  
Nantucket, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Norfolk.  
Norfolk, a sum not exceeding thirty-six hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Plymouth.  
Plymouth, a sum not exceeding twenty-one hundred thirty-  
three dollars and thirty-three cents.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Suffolk.  
Suffolk, a sum not exceeding seventy-one hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance to the register for the county of Worcester.  
Worcester, a sum not exceeding seven thousand sixteen  
dollars and sixty-seven cents.

For the salary of the clerk of the register for the county of Clerk of  
register,  
Suffolk.  
Suffolk, fourteen hundred dollars.

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

For the salary of the district attorney for the Suffolk District  
attorney,  
Suffolk  
district.  
district, seven thousand dollars.

For the salaries of the first, second and third assistant Assistants.  
district attorneys for the Suffolk district, eleven thousand  
four hundred dollars.

For the salaries of the deputy assistants of the district Deputy  
assistants.  
attorney for the Suffolk district, forty-four hundred dollars.

For the salary of the district attorney for the northern Northern  
district.  
district, four thousand dollars.

For the salaries of the assistant district attorneys for the Assistants.  
northern district, forty-four hundred sixty-six dollars and  
sixty-seven cents.

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| Deputy assistant.      | For the salary of the deputy assistant district attorney for the northern district, a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars.                        |
| Eastern district.      | For the salary of the district attorney for the eastern district, three thousand dollars.  |
| Assistant.             | For the salary of the assistant district attorney for the eastern district, two thousand dollars.  |
| Southeastern district. | For the salary of the district attorney for the southeastern district, three thousand dollars.   |
| Assistant.             | For the salary of the assistant district attorney for the southeastern district, two thousand dollars.   |
| Southern district.     | For the salary of the district attorney for the southern district, twenty-four hundred dollars.  |
| Assistant.             | For the salary of the assistant district attorney for the southern district, sixteen hundred dollars.  |
| Middle district.       | For the salary of the district attorney for the middle district, twenty-four hundred dollars.  |
| Assistant.             | For the salary of the assistant district attorney for the middle district, sixteen hundred dollars.  |
| Western district.      | For the salary of the district attorney for the western district, twenty-four hundred dollars.   |
| Northwestern district. | For the salary of the district attorney for the northwestern district, thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.   |
| Travelling expenses.   | For travelling expenses necessarily incurred by the district attorneys, except in the Suffolk district, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars. |

## COMMISSION ON PROBATION.

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| Commission on probation. | For salaries and expenses of the commission on probation, including printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars. |
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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 4, 1915.*

*Chap. 23* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NEW BUILDING  
AT THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| Appropriation, agricultural building. | SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred twenty-two thousand and five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended at the Massachusetts Agricultural College under the direction of the trustees thereof in building and equipping an agricultural building to contain offices, class rooms, laboratories |
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and an auditorium, as authorized by chapter eighty-two of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, this amount to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 4, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION. Chap. 24

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of sixty-nine thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended by the board of Panama-Pacific managers under the direction of the governor and council, for the representation of the commonwealth at the Panama-Pacific international exposition, during the year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated. Representation of commonwealth at Panama exposition.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 4, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Chap. 25

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses in the department of the sergeant-at-arms, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations.

For the salary of the sergeant-at-arms, thirty-five hundred dollars. Sergeant-at-arms, salary.

For the salary of the first clerk, twenty-two hundred dollars. First clerk.

For the salaries of additional clerks, the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars. Additional clerks.

For the salary of the cashier, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars. Cashier.

For the salaries of the chief engineer and other employees in the engineer's department, a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand four hundred and forty dollars. Chief engineer, etc.

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| Watchmen and assistants.    | For the salaries of the watchmen and assistant watchmen, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand six hundred dollars.   |
| Messengers, etc.            | For the salaries of the messengers, porters and office boy, a sum not exceeding ninety-two hundred dollars.   |
| Matron.                     | For the salary of the matron, a sum not exceeding eight hundred and fifty dollars.  |
| Carpenter.                  | For the salary of the carpenter, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars.  |
| Incidental, etc., expenses. | For incidental and contingent expenses and expense of mailing legislative bulletins, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars.   |
| Books, stationery, etc.     | For books, stationery, postage, printing and advertising ordered by the sergeant-at-arms, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.   |
| Rent of telephones, etc.    | For rent of telephones and expenses in connection therewith, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.   |
| Heat, light, etc.           | For heat, light and power, including coal, water, gas and removal of ashes, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.   |
| Care of state house, etc.   | For the care of the state house and grounds, including repairs, furniture and repairs thereof, and such expenses as may be necessary at the various buildings now occupied by state departments, a sum not exceeding thirty-one thousand dollars. |
| New furniture, etc.         | For new furniture and fixtures, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.   |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 6, 1915.*

*Chap. 26* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. O'LEARY IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Reinstatement of William J. O'Leary in the public works department of Boston.

SECTION 1. William J. O'Leary, formerly an inspector in the sanitary division of the public works department of the city of Boston, may, with the approval of the mayor and of the commissioner of public works, be reappointed as such inspector without undergoing a civil service examination.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 6, 1915.*



AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A NEW SITE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS FOR THE STATE NORMAL ART SCHOOL. *Chap. 27*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended by the board of education in the acquisition of a new site and the construction of new buildings for the state normal art school, as authorized by chapter seven hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, this amount to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Acquisition of a new site and construction of buildings at state normal art school.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 8, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE. *Chap. 28*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the board of registration in medicine, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Appropriations, board of registration in medicine.

For the salaries of the members of the board, forty-three hundred dollars.

Members of board, salaries.

For travelling and other expenses of the board, a sum not exceeding four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Travelling, etc., expenses.

For clerical services, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Clerical services.

For printing, postage, office supplies and contingent expenses of the members of the board, to include printing the annual report, and for rent of rooms outside the state house, a sum not exceeding seventeen hundred and ten dollars.

Printing, postage, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 8, 1915.*

[1889, 107, 216; 1890, 417; 1896, 148.]

*Chap. 29* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF QUINCY TO APPROPRIATE  
A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE CITY HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1896, 148, § 1,  
amended.

City of Quincy  
may appropri-  
ate money for  
the city  
hospital.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six is hereby amended by striking out the word "five", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The city of Quincy is hereby authorized to raise by taxation a sum of money not exceeding ten thousand dollars per year, and appropriate the same towards the maintenance and support of the city hospital in said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 8, 1915.*

[1850, 144; 1857, 4; 1889, 295; 1890, 152; 1891, 46.]

*Chap. 30* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW BEDFORD GAS AND EDISON  
LIGHT COMPANY TO MAINTAIN GAS PIPES AND CABLES  
UNDER THE ACUSHNET RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW  
BEDFORD AND THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

New Bedford  
Gas and Edison  
Light Company  
may maintain  
gas pipes, etc.

SECTION 1. The New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company is hereby authorized to maintain such gas pipes and cables for the transmission of electricity under the tide waters of the Acushnet river between the city of New Bedford and the town of Fairhaven as have heretofore been laid by said company under licenses heretofore granted by the board of harbor and land commissioners, subject, as to future maintenance, to the provisions of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

May lay gas  
pipes and  
cables.

SECTION 2. The New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company is hereby authorized to lay and maintain gas pipes and cables for the transmission of electricity, in addition to those heretofore laid, under the tide waters of the Acushnet river between the city of New Bedford and the town of Fairhaven subject to the provisions of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 8, 1915.*

[Sp. Laws, Vol. 2, p. 421; 1852, 2; 1859, 34.]

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOSTON DISPENSARY.

Chap. 31

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The act of February twenty-six, eighteen hundred and one, incorporating the Boston Dispensary is hereby amended by striking out section three of said act and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 3.* Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the contributors to said institution shall meet annually at Boston on the second Thursday in October, for the purpose of electing by ballot managers, public notice of the time and place of holding such meeting being given once at least in two of the newspapers published in said town seven days before the day of meeting; and votes may at all elections be given either in person or by proxy. The number of managers shall be such as the by-laws may from time to time prescribe. Said contributors may also meet at other times in Boston at such time and place as the managers may designate, public notice thereof being given as hereinbefore prescribed in respect to the annual meeting.

Act incorporat-  
ing Boston  
Dispensary,  
amended.Election of  
managers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 9, 1915.*


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[1888, 347; 1889, 256; 1891, 243, 255, 401; 1892, 373; 1895, 279; 1899, 237; 1900, 216, 270; 1902, 105; 1911, 301; 1914, 704.]

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO FILLING VACANCIES IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF QUINCY.

Chap. 32

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section five of chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight is hereby amended by striking out the words “or if a vacancy in said office shall occur subsequently and more than three months previous to the expiration of the municipal year”, in the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth lines; by striking out the words “vacancy in the office of councilman shall occur subsequently and more than three months previous to the expiration of the municipal year”, in the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines, and inserting in place thereof the words:— person elected to the office of councilman shall refuse to accept the office or shall die before qualifying, — and by adding at the end thereof the words:— If a vacancy in the office of councilman occurs after the oath of office has been administered to a majority of the council,

1888, 347, § 5,  
amended.

Mayor,  
councilmen  
and members  
of school  
committee to  
be elected  
by ballot.

If no choice  
of mayor.

Vacancies.

the vacancy shall be filled by the city council itself, and the vote of a majority of all the members thereof shall be necessary for a choice, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 5.* At such municipal election the qualified voters shall give in their votes by ballot in the several wards for mayor, councilmen and members of the school committee then to be elected, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be deemed and declared to be elected to such office; and whenever two or more persons are to be elected to the same office the several persons, up to the number required to be chosen, receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed and declared to be elected. If it shall appear that there is no choice of mayor, or if the person elected mayor shall refuse to accept the office, or shall die before qualifying, the city council shall forthwith cause warrants to be issued for a new election, and the same proceedings shall be had in all respects as are hereinbefore provided for the election of mayor, and shall be repeated until the election of a mayor is completed. If the full number of members of the city council has not been elected, or if a person elected to the office of councilman shall refuse to accept the office or shall die before qualifying, the council shall forthwith cause a new election to be held to fill the vacancy or vacancies. If a vacancy in the office of councilman occurs after the oath of office has been administered to a majority of the council, the vacancy shall be filled by the city council itself, and the vote of a majority of all the members thereof shall be necessary for a choice.

*Approved February 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 33* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEWTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO NELLY L. HEATH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Newton  
may pay a  
sum of money  
to Nelly L.  
Heath.

SECTION 1. The city of Newton is hereby authorized to pay to Nelly L. Heath, widow of Daniel C. Heath, an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars, to compensate her for services rendered and for expenses incurred or money advanced by her in connection with the laying out of, and the purchase of land for Lowell avenue, formerly Appleton and Murray streets, in the city of Newton.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the said city, and upon approval of the mayor.

*Approved February 10, 1915.*

[1896, 514; 1910, 617; 1914, 738.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TRANSFER *Chap. 34*  
THE LAND AND BUILDINGS OF THE PARENTAL SCHOOL TO  
THE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to transfer the land and buildings of the parental school of the city of Boston to the hospital department of said city, to be used for hospital purposes.

City of Boston  
may transfer  
land and  
buildings of the  
parental school  
to the hospital  
department.  
Repeal, etc.

SECTION 2. So much of section eight of chapter seven hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen as restricts the right of the city to transfer the land and buildings of said parental school to any department of the city, to be used for municipal purposes, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOP- *Chap. 35*  
MENT OF THE PORT OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended by the directors of the port of Boston for the improvement of Boston harbor, as provided by chapter six hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Appropriation  
for the develop-  
ment of the  
port of Boston.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND *Chap. 36*  
EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are ap-  
propriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the common-  
wealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and ex-  
penses of the public service commission, for the fiscal year

Appropriations.

ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Commissioners, salaries.

For the salaries of the commissioners, forty thousand five hundred dollars.

Secretaries.

For salaries of secretaries, a sum not exceeding ten thousand five hundred dollars.

Tariff department.

For salaries and expenses in the tariff department, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

Engineers.

For salaries and expenses of engineers, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars.

Experts.

For salaries and expenses of experts, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Accounting department.

For salaries and expenses in the accounting department, a sum not exceeding eighty-five hundred dollars.

Telephone department.

For expenses of the telephone department, a sum not exceeding sixty-five hundred dollars.

Inspection department.

For salaries and expenses in the inspection department, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

Clerical assistance, etc.

For clerical assistance and messenger service, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

Reports of hearings.

For stenographic reports of hearings, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Rent and care of office.

For rent and care of office, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Printing and binding.

For printing and binding the annual reports, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Stationery, books, etc.

For stationery, books, maps and office supplies, and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 37* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE TERRACE HILL CEMETERY CORPORATION TO TAKE AND HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE IN THE TOWN OF WALPOLE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Trustees of Terrace Hill Cemetery Corporation may take lands, etc.

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Terrace Hill Cemetery Corporation may, upon direction of such corporation, make application by written petition to the selectmen of the town of Walpole for the enlargement of Terrace Hill cemetery, and the taking therefor of any lands lying adjacent to said cemetery.

SECTION 2. The selectmen shall appoint a time and place for a hearing and shall cause notice thereof, together with a copy of the petition, to be served personally upon the owner, if known and residing in said town, or upon his agent, tenant or attorney, if a non-resident, or left at the last and usual place of abode of such owner or agent, tenant or attorney, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for the hearing.

Selectmen to  
appoint time  
and place for  
a hearing.

SECTION 3. The selectmen shall hear the parties at the time and place appointed, or at an adjournment thereof, and as soon as may be thereafter shall consider and adjudicate upon the necessity of such taking, and upon the quantity, boundaries and value of any land adjudged necessary to be taken, and the damages resulting from the taking and any other matters pertaining thereto, and shall forthwith file a description of such land with a plan thereof in the registry of deeds for Norfolk county, and thereupon such land shall be taken and held in fee by said corporation as a part of its burial ground.

Shall determine  
the necessity  
for land  
taking.

SECTION 4. If any of the land so taken is subject to a mortgage, the selectmen shall determine what portion of the award for damages shall be paid to the mortgagee for release of the mortgage incumbrance on the parcel taken; and said cemetery corporation shall pay to the mortgagee of record the sum so determined, and such payment shall thereby release and clear said parcel from said mortgage incumbrance; the balance of the award shall be paid, or tendered, to the owner of record within thirty days from the day of the filing in the registry of deeds.

Apportionment  
of damages.

SECTION 5. A party aggrieved by the award of damages may, on application therefor to the superior court or to the county commissioners of Norfolk county within six months after such filing in the registry of deeds, have a jury to determine the matter of his complaint as in the case of assessment of damages for land taken for highways, and all the proceedings shall be conducted as in such cases. If the sum allowed for damages, including the value of the land, is increased by the jury, the sum so allowed by the jury and all costs shall be paid by said corporation; otherwise, the costs arising upon such application for a jury shall be paid by the applicant.

Appeal may  
be taken.

Payment  
of costs.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

*Chap. 38* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON THE DIRECT DEBT AND TEMPORARY LOANS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Payment of interest on the direct debt of the commonwealth, etc.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, for the payment of interest on the direct debt, as provided for by chapter two, section one, article eleven, of the constitution of Massachusetts, also for interest on temporary loans; the same being the estimate of the treasurer and receiver general.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

*Chap. 39* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the board of registration in pharmacy, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Members, salaries.

For the salaries of the members, thirty-eight hundred dollars.

Travelling expenses, etc.

For travelling and other expenses of the members, a sum not exceeding seventeen hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Agent.

For salaries and expenses of the agent, a sum not exceeding twenty-four hundred dollars.

Stenographer, etc.

For a stenographer, witness fees and incidental and contingent expenses, to include printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred dollars.

Expenses in connection with registering, etc., retail drug shops.

For expenses in connection with the act to provide for the registering and licensing of shops for the transaction of a retail drug business, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*



AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE REIMBURSE- *Chap. 40*  
MENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR LOSS OF TAXES ON LAND  
USED FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of forty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for reimbursing cities and towns for loss of taxes on land used for public institutions, during the fiscal year ending on November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as provided for by chapter six hundred and seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten and by chapter four hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Reimburse-  
ment of cities  
and towns for  
loss of taxes on  
certain land.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF *Chap. 41*  
PREMIUMS ON SECURITIES PURCHASED FOR THE MASSA-  
CHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the payment by the treasurer and receiver general of premiums on securities purchased for the Massachusetts School Fund, as provided by section three of chapter forty-one of the Revised Laws.

Premiums on  
securities  
purchased for  
the Massachu-  
setts School  
Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF *Chap. 42*  
THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD  
OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES, SITTING JOINTLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the expenses of the industrial accident board and the state board of labor and industries,

Appropriations,  
indus-  
trial accident  
board and state  
board of labor  
and industries,  
sitting jointly.

sitting jointly, during the fiscal year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Expert assistants.

For salaries and expenses of expert assistants, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Printing, postage, etc.

For printing, postage and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Travelling expenses.

For travelling expenses of the board and experts, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Clerical services.

For clerical services, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

*Chap. 43* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the auditor's department, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Auditor, salary.

For the salary of the auditor, five thousand dollars.

Deputy auditor.

For the salary of the deputy auditor, four thousand dollars.

Second deputy auditor.

For the salary of the second deputy auditor, three thousand dollars.

Supervisor of accounts.

For the salary of the supervisor of accounts, twenty-five hundred dollars.

First clerk.

For the salary of the first clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Second clerk.

For the salary of the second clerk, twenty-four hundred dollars.

Additional clerks, etc.

For additional clerks, examiners and stenographers, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars.

Messenger.

For the salary of the messenger, nine hundred dollars.

Printing expert.

For the salary of the state printing expert, a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars.

Incidental, etc., expenses.

For incidental and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding forty-nine hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY. *Chap. 44*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the commission on economy and efficiency, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Appropriations, commission on economy and efficiency.

For the salaries of the members of the commission, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars.

Members, salaries.

For the salaries of the secretary, experts, clerks, and other assistants, and for such other expenses as may be deemed necessary and proper, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

Secretary, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 45*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

\* SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the secretary of the commonwealth, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Appropriations.

For the salary of the secretary, six thousand dollars.

Secretary, salary.

For the salary of Herbert H. Boynton, deputy, four thousand dollars.

Deputy.

For the salary of the second deputy, three thousand dollars.

Second deputy.

For the salary of the chief of the archives division, two thousand dollars.

Chief of archives.

For the salary of the cashier, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars.

Cashier.

For the salary of the commission clerk, fifteen hundred dollars.

Commission clerk.

Messengers  
and extra  
clerks.

For messengers and additional clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Incidental,  
etc., expenses.

For incidental and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars.

Postage on  
documents, etc.

For postage and expressage on documents, and for printing and mailing copies of bills and resolves to certain state, city and town officials, a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars.

Preservation  
of records, etc.

For arrangement and preservation of state records and papers, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Registration  
books, etc.

For registration books and blanks, indexing returns and editing registration report, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Regimental  
histories.

For the purchase of histories of regiments, batteries and other military organizations of the Massachusetts volunteers who served in the civil war, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Preservation of  
certain town  
records.

For the preservation of town records of births, marriages and deaths previous to the year eighteen hundred and fifty, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

#### PRINTING LAWS, ETC.

Pamphlet edi-  
tions of acts,  
etc.

For printing the pamphlet edition of the acts and resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars.

Cumulative  
index.

For printing a cumulative index of the acts and resolves, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Blue book.

For printing and binding the blue book edition of the acts and resolves of the present year, twelve thousand dollars.

Publication  
of laws, etc.

For the newspaper publication of the general laws and of information intended for the public, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Reports of  
decisions, etc.

For the reports of decisions of the supreme judicial court, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Purchase of  
paper.

For the purchase of paper used in the execution of the contract for the state printing, a sum not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars.

Public  
documents.

For printing and binding public documents, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

#### PRINTING MATTERS RELATING TO ELECTIONS.

Primary  
elections.

For expenses in connection with primary elections, a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand dollars.

For printing and distributing ballots, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars. Ballots.

For blanks for town officers, election laws and blanks and instructions on all matters relating to elections, and for the expense of advertising the state ticket, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars. Blanks for town officers.

For the purchase of apparatus to be used at polling places in the canvass and count of votes, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars. Purchase of apparatus.

For furnishing cities and towns with ballot boxes and for repairs to the same, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. Ballot boxes, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE DEATH OF FIREMEN KILLED OR INJURED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES. *Chap. 46*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, as authorized by section seventy-seven of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws, for the payment of such claims as may arise in consequence of the death of firemen belonging to the regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or of members in active service of any incorporated protective department, or of any person doing fire duty at the request of or by order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or of any person performing the duties of fireman in such town, who are killed or who die from injuries received in the discharge of their duties at fires, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen. Payment of claims on account of death of certain firemen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE LAND COURT. *Chap. 47*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the land court, for the fiscal Appropriations, land court.

year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Judge, salary. For the salary of the judge of the court, eight thousand dollars.

Associate judge. For the salary of the associate judge of the court, eight thousand dollars.

Recorder. For the salary of the recorder of the court, forty-five hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance. For clerical assistance in the office of the court, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Court officer. For the salary of the court officer for the sessions of the court, seventeen hundred dollars.

Sheriffs' fees, etc. For sheriffs' fees, advertising, surveying, examination of titles and sundry incidental expenses, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 11, 1915.*

[1907, 268; 1908, 43; 1914, 513.]

*Chap. 48* AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF MARION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Commission on public works for the town of Marion established. Offices abolished. SECTION 1. The board of sewer commissioners, the water commissioners, the office of surveyor of highways, the road commissioners and the board of health in the town of Marion are hereby abolished and all the powers vested in said boards and surveyor, or any of them, shall be transferred to and vested in a commission to be known as the commission of public works. Said commission shall consist of three members, who shall be elected at the next annual meeting of the town after the acceptance of this act, as hereinafter provided, by the qualified voters of the town by ballot as follows: — One to hold office for one year, one for two years and one for three years, each successive election thereafter to be for the term of three years.

Powers, etc. SECTION 2. Said commission shall have and exercise all the powers of every nature and be subject to the liabilities and duties vested in and imposed upon the sewer commissioners, water commissioners, surveyor of highways, road commissioners and board of health of the town of Marion under any general or special laws now or hereafter in force,

or by contract or grant from any municipal corporation, person or private corporation, or by virtue of any order or by-law of the town.

SECTION 3. The commission shall have authority to appoint such superintendents and subordinate officers as it shall deem necessary, and to establish their terms of office. The commission shall, subject to alteration by the town, have authority to fix the compensation of said superintendents and subordinate officers, and shall also have authority to employ and discharge such laborers and other employees as, in its opinion, may be necessary to carry out the work devolving upon the commission.

May appoint subordinates, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall not affect any pending suit, or any existing contract or obligation, and all duties and obligations now payable or owing to the board of sewer commissioners or to the water commissioners shall be payable or owed to said commission of public works.

Not to affect pending litigation.

SECTION 5. Said commission shall constitute a department of the town of Marion within the meaning of the town orders and by-laws. The members of the commission shall receive such compensation for their services as the town shall determine.

Shall constitute a department.

SECTION 6. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Marion at the annual town meeting in the present year, or, if this act shall not be passed in season for the vote to be taken at said meeting, it shall be submitted to the voters of said town at a special town meeting called for the purpose; and, if accepted by a majority of the legal voters present and voting thereon, it shall take effect as above provided.

Act to be submitted to voters at the annual town meeting.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved February 12, 1915.*

[Accepted March 1, 1915.]

[1824, 133; 1906, 113; 1913, 129.]

# AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE FIRST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY IN ROXBURY. *Chap. 49*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The name of the First Religious Society in Roxbury, incorporated by an act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby changed to First Church in Roxbury.

Name changed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 50* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF MALDEN TO PENSION THOMAS F. DUNN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Police commissioner of Malden to pension Thomas F. Dunn.

SECTION 1. The police commissioner of the city of Malden is hereby authorized to retire upon a pension of six hundred dollars a year Thomas F. Dunn, who has performed faithful service in the police department of said city for over fifteen years and who has now become physically unfit for useful service therein.

To be submitted to the city council.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the city council of the city of Malden and shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the members present and voting in each branch, and upon approval by the mayor.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

[Accepted April 20, 1915.]

[1912, 699.]

*Chap. 51* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER BLACK'S CREEK IN QUINCY FOR THE EXTENSION OF FURNACE BROOK PARKWAY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Metropolitan park commission may construct, etc., a bridge over Black's creek.

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge without a draw over Black's creek, so-called, in the city of Quincy, as a part of Furnace Brook parkway, and to provide for the construction and maintenance of said parkway from Quincy Shore reservation to Hancock street in said city, as authorized by chapter six hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 52* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, civil service commission.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the civil service commission, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —



For the salaries of the commissioners, sixty-five hundred dollars. Commissioners, salaries.

For the salary of Joseph J. Reilly, chief examiner, thirty-five hundred dollars. Chief examiner.

For the salary of the deputy examiner, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars. Deputy examiner.

For the salary of Warren P. Dudley, secretary, thirty-five hundred dollars. Secretary.

For the salary of the physical inspector, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars. Physical inspector.

For the salary of the pay roll inspector, twelve hundred dollars. Pay roll inspector.

For the salary of the registrar of labor, two thousand dollars. Registrar of labor.

For clerical assistance and for office, printing, travelling, and incidental expenses, advertising and stationery, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding forty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars. Clerical assistance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

[1872, 343; 1875, 127; 1884, 105; 1888, 131; 1900, 391; 1913, 684.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FILTER PLANT *Chap. 53*  
FOR THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter six hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "act", in the third line, the words: — and of said chapters three hundred and forty-three, one hundred and thirty-one and three hundred and ninety-one, including the cost of filters, basins and such other equipment as may be necessary to improve said water supply, — so as to read as follows: —

*Section 3.* Said town, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act and of said chapters three hundred and forty-three, one hundred and thirty-one and three hundred and ninety-one, including the cost of filters, basins and such other equipment as may be necessary to improve said water supply, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued by the town for water supply purposes. Bonds or

1913, 684, § 3,  
amended.

Filter plant for  
the town of  
Brookline.

Town of  
Brookline  
Water Loan,  
Act of 1913.

notes issued under authority of this act shall bear on their face the words, Town of Brookline Water Loan, Act of 1913; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of the first issue thereof, as will extinguish the loan within thirty years from the date thereof. The amount of such annual payment of the loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen. The town may sell such bonds or notes at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

May sell bonds  
at public or  
private sale.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 54* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OF THE RECESS COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL COURT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation  
for additional  
expenses of the  
recess com-  
mittees author-  
ized by the 1914  
general court.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for certain expenses of the recess committee on the subject of city charters, and for certain expenses of the recess committee on the introduction of matters for legislation, which committees were authorized by the general court of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 55* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAYMENT OF STATE AND MILITARY AID AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
payment  
of state and  
military aid.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes of state and

military aid, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

For the salary of the commissioner of state aid and pensions, Commissioner, salary. twenty-seven hundred dollars.

For the salary of the deputy commissioner, Deputy commissioner. twenty-three hundred dollars.

For the salaries of agents, Agents. thirty-eight hundred dollars.

For the salaries of clerks, a sum not exceeding forty-two Clerks. hundred dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, to include necessary travel, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. Incidental expenses, etc.

For reimbursing cities and towns for money paid on account of state and military aid to Massachusetts volunteers and their families, a sum not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars, the same to be paid on or before the fifteenth day of November in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. Reimbursing cities and towns for money paid.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR TAKING THE *Chap. 56*  
DECENNIAL CENSUS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for taking the decennial census, as provided by chapter six hundred and ninety-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, said sum to be in addition to the fifteen thousand dollars appropriated by chapter seven hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. Appropriation for taking decennial census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EX- *Chap. 57*  
PENSES IN THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses in the bureau of statistics, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriation, bureau of statistics.

For the salary of the director, Director, salary. four thousand dollars.

Deputy  
director.

For the salary of the deputy director, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Clerical  
assistance,  
etc.

For additional clerical assistance, and special agents, a sum not exceeding fifty-three thousand four hundred dollars.

Contingent  
expenses.

For contingent and office expenses, including printing and binding the annual reports, and travelling and other expenses in connection with the annual collection of statistics of manufactures, also expenses in connection with municipal returns, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Establishment,  
etc., of free  
employment  
offices.

For the establishment and maintenance of free employment offices in this commonwealth, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 58* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE MILITIA.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, surgeon  
general of the  
militia.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the surgeon general, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Surgeon  
general, salary.

For the salary of the surgeon general, twelve hundred dollars.

Medical  
supplies, etc.

For medical supplies for use of the volunteer militia, and for incidental and contingent expenses of the surgeon general, including clerical services and printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred and fifty dollars.

Expenses in  
connection with  
examinations.

For expenses in connection with the examination of recruits for the militia, a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

*Chap. 59* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, insurance  
commissioner.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the insurance department,

for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

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| For the salary of the commissioner, five thousand dollars.  | Commissioner,<br>salary.   |
| For the salary of the deputy commissioner, thirty-five hundred dollars.   | Deputy<br>commissioner.    |
| For the salary of the examiner, three thousand dollars.   | Examiner.                  |
| For the salary of an additional examiner, twenty-five hundred dollars.  | Additional<br>examiner.    |
| For the salary of the actuary, twenty-five hundred dollars.   | Actuary.                   |
| For the salary of the assistant actuary, two thousand dollars.  | Assistant<br>actuary.      |
| For the salary of the chief clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars.   | Chief clerk.               |
| For additional clerks and assistants, a sum not exceeding fifty-four thousand dollars.  | Additional<br>clerks, etc. |
| For incidental and contingent expenses, including rent for rooms outside the state house, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars. | Incidental<br>expenses.    |
| For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.  | Printing and<br>binding.   |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD. *Chap. 60*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the industrial accident board, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — | Appropriations, industrial<br>accident board. |
| For the salaries of the members of the board, a sum not exceeding twenty-three thousand dollars.   | Members,<br>salaries.                         |
| For the salary of the secretary, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.   | Secretary.                                    |
| For the salaries and expenses of inspectors, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand four hundred dollars.   | Inspectors.                                   |
| For the salary of the medical adviser, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.  | Medical<br>adviser.                           |
| For clerical services, travelling and other necessary expenses of the board, a sum not exceeding sixty-three thousand dollars.   | Clerical<br>services.                         |

Rent of office.

For rent of office, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred and eighty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

[Sp. Laws, Vol. 2, p. 283; 1845, 117; 1846, 206; 1847, 168; 1855, 293; 1857, 74; 1894, 483; 1895, 305.]

*Chap. 61* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAKING OF STONES, SAND AND GRAVEL FROM CERTAIN BEACHES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1845, 117,  
repealed.  
Taking of  
stones, etc.,  
from certain  
beaches.

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and forty-five which prohibits the removal of stones, gravel or sand from certain beaches in the town of Chelsea, is hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not affect the jurisdiction or authority of the metropolitan park commission in regard to any beach.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

[1893, 94; 1903, 208; 1914, 92.]

*Chap. 62* AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ACTS OF THE TRUSTEES OF GROTON SCHOOL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Acts of Trustees  
of Groton  
School,  
validated.

SECTION 1. All the acts of the Trustees of Groton School purporting to be acts of a corporation of that name, done under and by virtue of chapter ninety-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, chapter two hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three, and chapter ninety-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and being within the powers intended to be conferred by said statutes, are hereby ratified and confirmed as legal acts of said corporation, notwithstanding the failure of the corporators named in said chapter ninety-four to organize within the time fixed by law; and the said corporators, or the persons now acting as successors to said corporators, are hereby authorized to organize according to the general laws now applicable to such corporations, with the same effect as if said organization had been effected within two years after the passage of said chapter ninety-four: *provided*, that nothing herein shall affect any rights or remedies of any person arising out of

Proviso.

the failure of the corporators named in said chapter ninety-four to organize as required by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

[1911, 413; 1913, 367; 1914, 765.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR LABORERS Chap. 63  
EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter four hundred and thirteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by section two of chapter three hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and by section one of chapter seven hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "city", in the eighteenth line, the words: — who has been in the service of the city continuously for a period of not less than fifteen years and, — so as to read as follows: —

1911, 413, § 2,  
amended.

*Section 2.* Any laborer employed by the city of Boston who has reached the age of sixty years and who has been in the service of the city for a period of not less than twenty-five years, and who is physically incapacitated, shall, at his request and with the approval of the retirement board above provided for, be retired from service, and shall receive for the remainder of his life an annual pension equal to one half of the compensation to which he would have been entitled for full employment during the last year of his service for the city; but in no case shall such pension exceed in amount the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars per year. It shall be the duty of the said board so to retire any laborer in the service of the city who has reached the age of seventy years and has served the city for a period of not less than twenty-five years: *provided, however,* that said retirement board may, upon the request of the mayor and city council, retire any laborer employed by said city who has been in the service of the city continuously for a period of not less than fifteen years and who, owing to injury, physical incompetency, old age or infirmity, may be incapacitated from further performance or discharge of his duty or labor.

Retirement  
fund for  
laborers  
employed by  
the city of  
Boston.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 16, 1915.*

*Chap. 64* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A PENSION TO THE WIDOW OF WILLIAM MAGNER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston may pay a pension to the widow of William Magner.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of William Magner an annual pension of not less than three hundred dollars so long as she lives and remains unmarried, the said William Magner having formerly been a member of the fire department of the city of Boston and his death having occurred in consequence of an injury received by him in the course of his employment as a fireman.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council, with the approval of the mayor of the city of Boston.

*Approved February 16, 1915.*

[1914, 680.]

*Chap. 65* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES IN THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1914, 680, § 35, amended.

SECTION 1. Section thirty-five of chapter six hundred and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "made", in the seventeenth line, and inserting in place thereof the following: — Every bill, pay roll or voucher covering an expenditure of money shall be approved by the signatures thereon of a majority of the board, department or committee having control of, or incurring the expenditure; and after such approval, the bills, pay rolls or vouchers shall be turned over to the city auditor, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 35.* No sum appropriated for a specific purpose shall be expended for any other purpose; and no expenditures shall be made or liability incurred by or in behalf of the city, until an appropriation has been duly voted by the municipal council, sufficient to meet such expenditures or liability, together with all prior unpaid liabilities which are payable out of such appropriation, except in accordance with the written recommendation of the mayor to the municipal council, approved by a majority of the whole municipal council, the vote to be taken by yeas and nays: *provided, however,* that after the expiration of the financial year and until the passage of the annual

Approval of municipal expenditures in the city of Attleboro.

Proviso.



appropriations, the mayor may authorize each of the administrative officers and boards to incur liabilities to an amount not exceeding one fifth of the total sum appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year, and such liabilities shall be paid from the annual appropriations subsequently made. Every bill, pay roll or voucher covering an expenditure of money shall be approved by the signatures thereon of a majority of the board, department or committee having control of, or incurring the expenditure; and after such approval, the bills, pay rolls or vouchers shall be turned over to the city auditor.

Bills, etc., to have signatures of heads of departments, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 16, 1915.*

[1915, 230, 252, 264, 319.]

[1914, 244.]

AN ACT TO REVIVE THE AMERICAN SUBMERGED EXHAUST CO., AND TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF SAID CORPORATION.

*Chap. 66*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The corporation heretofore known as American Submerged Exhaust Co., and formerly having its place of business at Newburyport, is hereby revived and continued, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities which pertained to it prior to the passage of chapter two hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

American Submerged Exhaust Co., revived, etc.

SECTION 2. All acts done by the said company which would have been legal and valid if chapter two hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen had not been passed are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Certain acts confirmed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENTS BY SAVINGS BANKS.

*Chap. 67*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund for necessary expenses in connection with the life insurance

Appropriations, life insurance departments in savings banks.

departments of savings banks, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

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| Actuary, salary.            | For the salary of the actuary, the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars.                      |
| Assistant actuary.          | For the salary of the assistant actuary, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.                |
| Medical director.           | For the salary of the medical director, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.             |
| Assistant medical director. | For the salary of the assistant medical director, the sum of six hundred dollars.           |
| Secretary.                  | For the salary of the secretary, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.                        |
| Rent of offices.            | For the rent of offices, the sum of nineteen hundred and forty-four dollars.                |
| Other expenses.             | For other necessary expenses, a sum not exceeding sixty-five hundred and fifty-six dollars. |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

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*Chap. 68* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR AND LAND COMMISSIONERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| Appropriations, harbor and land commissioners. | SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the harbor and land commissioners, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — |
| Commissioners, salaries.                       | For the salaries of the commissioners, eighty-seven hundred dollars.  |
| Travelling expenses.                           | For travelling and other necessary expenses, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars.   |
| Engineers.                                     | For the compensation and expenses of engineers and for clerical and other assistance, a sum not exceeding twenty-nine thousand dollars.   |
| Incidental expenses, etc.                      | For incidental and contingent office expenses, to include printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.   |
| Surveys of harbors, etc.                       | For surveys of harbors, for improving and preserving the same, and for repairing damages occasioned by storms along the coast line or river banks of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.   |

For removal of wrecks and other obstructions from tide waters, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. Removal  
of wrecks.

For the improvement and protection of rivers, harbors, tide waters and foreshores, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated. Improvement,  
etc., of rivers.

For expenses of the examination and inspection of all monuments, or other marks, defining the boundary lines of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. Examination,  
etc., of  
monuments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 17, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT POLICE. Chap. 69

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the district police, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations, district  
police.

For the salary of the chief, three thousand dollars. Chief, salary.

For the salary of the first clerk, fifteen hundred dollars. First clerk.

For the salary of the second clerk, one thousand dollars. Second clerk.

For the salary of a stenographer in the office of the chief, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. Stenographer  
for chief.

For stenographers in branch offices, a sum not exceeding forty-one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Stenographers  
in branch  
offices.

For the salary of the storekeeper, nine hundred dollars. Storekeeper.

For postage, printing, stationery, telephone, telegraph, incidental and contingent office expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars. Postage,  
printing, etc.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.

For the salary of the deputy chief, twenty-four hundred dollars. Deputy chief,  
salary.

For the salary of the clerk, twelve hundred dollars. Clerk.

For the salaries of the stenographers, thirty-four hundred dollars. Stenographers.

For the compensation of the members, a sum not exceeding forty-six thousand three hundred and eight dollars. Members.

Travelling  
expenses.

For travelling expenses of the members, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Special services,  
etc.

For special services and expenses of persons employed under the direction of the deputy chief of the detective department in the investigation of fires, including witness fees, travel, contingent and incidental expenses, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

#### BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

Deputy chief,  
salary.

For the salary of the deputy chief, twenty-four hundred dollars.

Stenographers.

For the salaries of two stenographers in the inspection department, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Members.

For the compensation of the members, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand six hundred and forty-nine dollars.

Travelling  
expenses.

For travelling expenses of the members, a sum not exceeding seventy-six hundred dollars.

#### BOILER INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

Deputy chief,  
salary.

For the salary of the deputy chief, twenty-four hundred dollars.

Stenographers.

For the salaries of the stenographers, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Members.

For compensation of the members, a sum not exceeding forty-one thousand one hundred and twenty dollars.

Travelling  
expenses.

For travelling expenses of the members, a sum not exceeding ten thousand nine hundred dollars.

Board of  
boiler rules.

For compensation of the board of boiler rules, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Expenses.

For expenses of the board of boiler rules, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Expenses  
Steamer  
Lexington.

For expenses of operating the steamer Lexington, used in the enforcement of the fishery laws of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding ninety-five hundred dollars.

Moving picture  
apparatus.

For maintaining in good condition apparatus for testing applicants for moving picture licenses and furnishing supplies to operate the same, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Investigation  
work.

For investigation work and apparatus and for maintenance in the boiler inspection department, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For expert assistance in the enforcement of the statutes relative to explosives and inflammable fluids and compounds, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars. Expert assistance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

[1816, 63.]

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE FRAGMENT SOCIETY. *Chap. 70*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter sixty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "indigent", in the eighth line, the word: — and, — and by striking out the word "five", in the twenty-third line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives in general court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that Mary Francis, Margaret C. Welch, and their associates, together with such others as may become subscribers to the same institution, in the manner hereinafter provided, be, and they are incorporated for the purpose of aiding and assisting indigent and sick persons in the town of Boston, by the name of The Fragment Society; and by that name shall be a corporation forever, with power to have a common seal, to make contracts relative to the objects of their institution, to sue and be sued, to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of said society and the preservation and application of the fund thereof: *provided* the same be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, to take, hold and possess any estate, real and personal, by subscription, gift, grant, purchase, devise, or otherwise; and the same to improve, lease, exchange or sell and convey for the sole benefit of said institution; *provided* the value of the real estate of the said society shall never exceed twenty thousand dollars, and the annual income of the whole estate of said society shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. 1816, 63 § 1, amended.  
  
The Fragment Society, incorporated.

SECTION 2. Section three of said chapter sixty-three is hereby amended by striking out the words "second Monday in October", in the second and third lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — first Tuesday in December, — by striking out the words "first and second president", in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — Provisos.  
  
1816, 63 § 3, amended.

president and vice president, — by striking out the word “nine”, in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, — by striking out the word “twelve”, in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — fourteen, — by striking out the words “first or second president”, in the thirteenth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — president or vice president, — and by adding at the end of said section the words: — The members of the society may vote either in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting, — so as to read as follows: —

Date of annual meeting, etc.

*Section 3.* Be it further enacted, that the said society shall meet in Boston on the first Tuesday in December annually, for the purpose of electing by ballot from their members, a president and vice president, a treasurer, secretary, and a board of not less than ten, nor more than fourteen managers, all of which officers shall hold their said offices for one year, and until others shall be elected to succeed them; and the managers for the time being shall publish a notification of the time and place of each annual meeting in one or more of the Boston newspapers, at least seven days before the time of holding the same. Upon any urgent occasion, the president or vice president, or when requested in writing by fifteen members of said society, any five of the managers may appoint a special meeting of said society, to be notified in the same manner as the annual meetings. And at any regular meeting of the board of managers, they may remove any manager from office, and by ballot fill any vacancy so or otherwise made; *provided* two thirds of their whole number shall concur. The members of the society may vote either in person or by proxy at any annual or special meeting.

Proviso.

1816, 63 § 4, amended.

Treasurer to be a woman.

SECTION 3. Section four of said chapter sixty-three is hereby amended by striking out the word “single”, in the second line, and by inserting after the word “shall”, in the third line, the words: — if required by the board of managers, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* Be it further enacted, that the treasurer of said society shall be a woman of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, and shall, if required by the board of managers, give bond with sufficient surety or sureties to account annually, or oftener, if required by said society or the board of managers, for all money and property of said society, and in general to discharge the duties of said office with fidelity.

1816, 63 § 7, amended.

SECTION 4. Section seven of said chapter sixty-three is hereby amended by striking out the words “first or second

president", in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — president or vice president, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 7.* Be it further enacted, that all instruments of conveyance or contract, which may lawfully be made by said society, if approved by the board of managers, shall be signed by the president or vice president, and countersigned by the secretary; and if necessary, sealed with the common seal of said society; and when so executed, shall bind the said society and be valid in law.

Instruments  
of conveyance,  
etc., how  
signed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

[1888, 374; 1889, 228, 346; 1890, 69, 82, 85, 253; 1891, 380; 1892, 149; 1897, 172; 1900, 114, 115, 224; 1914, 372.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF WOBURN. *Chap. 71*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "instructions", in the sixth line; by inserting after the word "regulations", in the same line, the words: — not in conflict with sections sixteen and seventeen of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and by inserting after the words "city council", in the sixth line, the words: — with the approval of the mayor, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* The superintendent of public works shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the mayor, or by the city clerk, or by a justice of the peace, and shall receive such compensation as the city council, with the approval of the mayor, shall determine, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations not in conflict with sections sixteen and seventeen of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven as the city council, with the approval of the mayor, by its vote may impose.

1914, 372, § 6,  
amended.

Superintendent  
of public works  
of the city of  
Woburn.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

[1915, 171, Spec.]

[1894, 161; 1910, 542.]

**Chap. 72** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO PAY PERMANENT MEN IN ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT THREE DOLLARS A DAY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Pay for  
permanent men  
in Beverly fire  
department.

SECTION 1. The city of Beverly is hereby authorized to pay permanent men in the fire department a wage of three dollars a day.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of said city.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

[Accepted February 23, 1915.] [1915, 141, Spec.]

[1914, 777.]

**Chap. 73** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SALEM TO TAKE CERTAIN TIDE WATER LANDS FOR STREETS AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Salem  
rebuilding  
commission  
may take  
certain lands  
for streets, etc.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of extending Derby street to Lafayette street in the city of Salem, the Salem rebuilding commission, established by chapter seven hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, may from time to time purchase or take so much of the South river or the lands and flats lying therein or in Bowker's dock, so-called, for a distance of not more than four hundred feet easterly of Lafayette street, as may be necessary or convenient for the extension aforesaid.

Description of  
lands taken  
to be filed.

SECTION 2. The said commission shall file from time to time in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex, and cause to be recorded therein, a description of any lands or flats taken as aforesaid, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement signed by the said commission that the same are taken in the name and behalf of said city under the provisions of this act; and the act and time of the filing thereof shall be deemed to be the act and time of the taking of such lands or flats, and to be sufficient notice to all persons that the same have so been taken. The title to all lands and flats so taken shall vest absolutely in said city and its assigns forever.

City liable for  
all damages.

SECTION 3. The city shall be liable for all damages to property sustained by any person by reason of the taking of



any lands or flats as aforesaid. The said commission shall have full power to settle by agreement or arbitration the amount of such damages; and, if not so settled, the same may be assessed by a jury of the superior court for the county of Essex, upon a petition filed at any time within one year after the taking. The provisions of sections seventy-two, seventy-three and eighty-seven of chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the Revised Laws shall apply to any such proceeding; and the rights of persons having different, separate or contingent interests or estates in any parcel of lands or flats so taken shall be the same, in respect to the disposition of the damages agreed upon or awarded as aforesaid, as are provided by law in respect to damages for land taken for highways.

Commission to have full power to settle damages, etc.

SECTION 4. The said commission may from time to time fill with suitable material and otherwise improve any lands and flats acquired as aforesaid, or any portion thereof, and may lay out and extend Derby street to Lafayette street upon and over the same and across South river, and may sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of any portions of said lands and flats not required for public uses.

Improvement of lands, etc.

SECTION 5. All things done under the authority of this act in and over tide water, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws and all amendments thereof.

Acts subject to certain statutes.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of said city.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved February 18, 1915.*

[Accepted March 3, 1915.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PUBLIC BAND CONCERTS. *Chap. 74*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Greenfield is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum of money annually, not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the selectmen, for defraying the expense of public band concerts.

Town of Greenfield may appropriate money for public band concerts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 19, 1915.*

[1845, 212; 1847, 60, 152; 1848, 229; 1850, 24, 30; 1852, 177; 1853, 171; 1855, 74, 76, 488; 1857, 2; 1859, 287; 1863, 149, 153, 163; 1868, 52, 228; 1869, 360; 1870, 316; 1871, 180; 1874, 324; 1875, 140; 1876, 36, 92; 1879, 162; 1883, 34; 1884, 57; 1886, 309; 1888, 104; 1889, 167; 1890, 342; 1891, 251; 1893, 430; 1896, 246, 266; 1898, 237; 1901, 155; 1902, 460; 1912, 278, 341; 1914, 141, 271.]

*Chap. 75* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CITY SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF  
NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City solicitor of  
New Bedford,  
how appointed.

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of New Bedford may appoint annually in the month of January, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, a city solicitor who shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. The mayor may at any time remove the city solicitor without assigning any cause therefor.

Compensation,  
etc.

SECTION 2. The city council of the city may fix the compensation and define the duties of the city solicitor.

Repeal, etc.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and all ordinances of the city of New Bedford inconsistent herewith are hereby annulled.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 19, 1915.*

[1911, 78.]

*Chap. 76* AN ACT RELATIVE TO TOWN MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF  
PEABODY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1911, 78, § 3,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter seventy-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by striking out section three and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 3.* Whenever any question is brought before the town meeting involving the raising, paying or appropriating of money, the disposal of any property of the town or any interest therein or in any way creating a town debt or expenditure, the vote upon such question shall be taken by ballot, if, before the main question is put to vote, ten legal voters shall so request. But if an amendment to any report of the finance committee, other than an amendment offered by said committee, is voted by the town meeting, the proposed amendment shall be voted upon by ballot without the request of ten legal voters. The ballot shall be prepared and voting booths used as in the Australian ballot system.

Vote to be  
taken by  
ballot on  
certain  
questions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect when accepted by a majority of the voters of the town voting thereon by official ballot at any regular town meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose.

Time of  
taking effect.

*Approved February 19, 1915.*

[Accepted March 8, 1915.]

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TAX COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS.

*Chap. 77*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the tax commissioner and commissioner of corporations, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Appropriations.

For the salary of the tax commissioner and commissioner of corporations, five thousand dollars.

Commissioner,  
salary.

For the salary of Charles A. Andrews, deputy commissioner, four thousand dollars.

Deputy  
commissioner.

For the salary of the second deputy commissioner, three thousand dollars.

Second deputy  
commissioner.

For the salaries of four assistants, eleven thousand dollars.

Assistants.

For the salaries of examiners, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Examiners.

For the salary of the first clerk, twenty-five hundred dollars.

First clerk.

For the salary of the second clerk, eighteen hundred dollars.

Second clerk.

For the salaries of the supervisors of assessors, seventy-five hundred dollars.

Supervisors of  
assessors.

For additional clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding forty-nine thousand dollars.

Clerical  
assistance.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including rent of rooms outside the state house, a sum not exceeding seventeen thousand dollars.

Contingent  
expenses, etc.

For travelling expenses of the commissioner and other officers and employees of the department, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

Travelling  
expenses.

For valuation books for assessors of cities and towns, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars.

Valuation  
books.

Printing and  
binding.

For printing and binding the annual report of the table of aggregates, including lists of corporations for the use of assessors, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 22, 1915.*

**Chap. 78** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN F. KENNEDY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may pay a  
sum of money  
to Anna  
Kennedy.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Anna Kennedy, widow of John F. Kennedy, a sum of money equal to the amount of salary to which said John F. Kennedy would have been entitled as a schoolhouse commissioner of said city had he lived to complete his term of service.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the sixteenth day of February, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

**Chap. 79** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY AN ANNUITY TO THE WIDOW OF FRANK J. PENDERGAST.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may pay an  
annuity to  
Helen M.  
Pendergast.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay an annuity not exceeding five hundred dollars to Helen M. Pendergast, widow of Frank J. Pendergast, who was employed by the city at the Freeport street bath houses and who died on the fourteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fourteen, while in the discharge of his duties as such employee. Said annuity shall cease in case the widow marries again.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.

*Approved February 22, 1915.*

[Accepted May 6, 1915.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO DISPOSE OF *Chap. 80*  
A PART OF THE DORCHESTER SOUTH BURYING GROUND.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of that part of the Dorchester south burying ground on Dorchester avenue in said city formerly used as a passageway from Washington street to said burying ground. City of Boston may dispose of a part of the Dorchester south burying ground.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor. Time of taking effect.  
*Approved February 22, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY AN *Chap. 81*  
ANNUITY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN LINNANE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay an annuity of not more than three hundred dollars to Maria E. Linnane, widow of John Linnane, so long as she remains unmarried. The said John Linnane while in the discharge of his duties as a laborer in the public grounds department of the city received injuries which resulted in his death. City of Boston may pay an annuity to Maria E. Linnane.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of said city, and upon approval by the mayor. Time of taking effect.  
*Approved February 22, 1915.*

[Accepted June 16, 1915.]

[1885, 128.]

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXISTENCE OF THE IMPROVED *Chap. 82*  
DWELLINGS ASSOCIATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Improved Dwellings Association, in the city of Boston, shall be and remain a body corporate for the period of thirty years after the expiration of its present charter, subject to the provisions of all laws now or hereafter in force relating to such corporations. Charter extended.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 22, 1915.*

*Chap. 83* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LYNN TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO JOHN E. STEVENSON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Lynn  
may pay a  
sum of money  
to John E.  
Stevenson.

SECTION 1. The city of Lynn, with the approval of the committee on claims of the municipal council, is hereby authorized to pay to John E. Stevenson of Lynn, who was injured by the fire apparatus of that city on the tenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, such sum of money, not exceeding five hundred dollars, as it may deem appropriate to compensate him for the injury so incurred.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 22, 1915.*

*Chap. 84* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO CLYDE E. COOKSON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Needham may  
pay a sum of  
money to  
Clyde E.  
Cookson.

SECTION 1. The town of Needham is hereby authorized to pay a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars to Clyde E. Cookson, a member of the fire department of that town, on account of serious injuries sustained by him while in the discharge of his duties as fireman.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 22, 1915.*

[1854, 338; 1856, 189; 1861, 118; 1863, 72; 1864, 104; 1867, 269; 1870, 155; 1871, 361; 1872, 31; 1873, 196; 1874, 86; 1875, 97; 1876, 64, 66, 232; 1877, 81; 1878, 64; 1880, 56; 1881, 268; 1882, 117; 1884, 145; 1889, 61; 1891, 151; 1892, 81; 1895, 384, 455, 488, § 22; 1896, 202; 1899, 380; 1900, 365; 1902, 351; 1911, 750; 1912, 281; 1913, 315; 1914, 47.]

*Chap. 85* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ITS WATER SUPPLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of  
Worcester may  
borrow money  
to increase its  
water supply.

SECTION 1. The city of Worcester is hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, such sums of money as it may deem necessary, to the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, in excess of the amount heretofore authorized, for the purpose of defraying the cost and expenses incident to carrying out the purposes authorized by chapter three hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two, including the payment for lands, water and water rights taken or purchased, and to issue therefor notes

or bonds. Such notes or bonds shall be denominated on the face thereof, Worcester Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the city and countersigned by the mayor. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The proceeds of any such sale shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

SECTION 2. The said city shall, at the time of authorizing the said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the city, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO CHARLES W. MILLER. *Chap. 86*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to pay to Charles W. Miller, a sum not exceeding twenty-one hundred sixteen dollars and fifty cents, as indemnity for expenses incurred by him for legal and stenographic services in his defence of the case of the Commonwealth *versus* Charles W. Miller, which case was brought against him for acts done in

the performance of his duty as a police officer; and said payment may be charged to the appropriation for the police department of the city of Boston.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

[1893, 478, 481; 1894, 548; 1895, 410; 1896, 492; 1897, 347, 500; 1899, 375; 1902, 114, 534; 1903, 190; 1904, 167; 1905, 187, 460, 466; 1906, 213, 520; 1907, 258, 573; 1909, 455; 1911, 741; 1913, 775, 810; 1914, 636, 644.]

*Chap. 87* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION TO PAY THE COST OF CERTAIN ALTERATIONS IN THE TREMONT STREET SUBWAY OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN BONDS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Boston transit commission may pay the cost of certain alterations in the Tremont street subway, etc.

SECTION 1. The Boston transit commission is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the changes in the outlet of the ventilating chamber in the Tremont street subway, formerly under the sidewalk on Tremont street opposite the Wilbur theatre, to an amount not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars out of the funds received from the sale of bonds issued under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and five, the amount so paid to be charged to the cost of the Tremont street subway.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

[Accepted March 29, 1915.] [1915, 130, 270, Spec.]

*Chap. 88* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO PAY A PENSION TO JAMES KEOUGH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Brockton may pay a pension to James Keough.

SECTION 1. The city of Brockton is hereby authorized to pay to James Keough, who was an employee of the city for thirty-three years and retired from the service of the city on account of physical incapacity in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, the same annual pension to which he would be entitled if the city of Brockton had accepted the provisions of chapter five hundred and three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns, while said Keough was in the employment of the city.



SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Brockton, with the approval of the mayor. *Approved February 23, 1915.*

Time of taking effect.

[Accepted March 22, 1915.]

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FOR SUNDRY OTHER AGRICULTURAL EXPENSES.

*Chap. 89*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the state board of agriculture, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Appropriations, board of agriculture.

For the salary of the secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Secretary.

For the salary of the first clerk, eighteen hundred dollars.

First clerk.

For the salary of the second clerk, fourteen hundred dollars.

Second clerk.

For additional clerical assistance and for lectures before the board at its annual and other meetings, a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance, etc.

For travelling and other necessary expenses of the secretary, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Travelling expenses, secretary.

For travelling and other necessary expenses of the members, a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars.

Travelling expenses, members.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including printing and furnishing extracts from trespass laws, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses, etc.

For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Annual report.

For compensation and expenses of the state nursery inspectors, including expenses in connection with the importation of nursery stock from any other state, province or country, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

State nursery inspectors.

For compensation and expenses of the inspector of apiaries, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Inspector of apiaries.

For compensation and expenses of the state ornithologist, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

State ornithologist.

For disseminating useful information in agriculture by means of lectures at farmers' institutes, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Disseminating useful information.

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| Executive officer.                        | For the salary of the executive officer of the dairy bureau, five hundred dollars.  |
| General agent.                            | For the salary of a general agent, eighteen hundred dollars.  |
| Assistants, etc.                          | For assistants, experts, chemists, agents and other necessary expenses, including printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars. |
| Encouragement of orcharding.              | For encouragement of orcharding, the sum of five hundred dollars.   |
| Bounties to agricultural societies.       | For bounties to agricultural societies, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.  |
| Encouragement, etc., of poultry breeding. | For bounties to encourage and improve the breeding of poultry, the sum of two thousand dollars.   |
| Dairying, etc.                            | For the encouragement of dairying and the protection of milk and dairy products of superior quality, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.           |
| Agriculture, etc.                         | For the encouragement of agriculture among children and youths, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.   |
| Special exhibitions.                      | For the encouragement of agriculture by the holding of special exhibitions, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.                                     |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

*Chap. 90* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INDEPENDENT INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER SIMILAR SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| Appropriations, maintenance of independent industrial schools, etc. | SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for meeting the commonwealth's proportion of the cost of maintaining certain agricultural, independent industrial, household arts, practical arts and continuation schools for the period previous to the first day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to wit: — |
| Maintenance of non-agricultural schools.                            | For the cost of maintaining non-agricultural schools in certain cities and towns, as approved by the board of education under authority of chapter four hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty-nine thousand nine hundred eleven dollars and eighty-eight cents.   |
| Agricultural schools, etc.  | For the maintenance of agricultural schools and departments in certain cities and towns, as approved by the board  |

of education under authority of chapter four hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven and chapters five hundred and sixty-six and five hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents.

For the maintenance of practical arts classes in certain cities and towns, as approved by the board of education under authority of chapter one hundred and six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand one hundred seventy-six dollars and seven cents.

Practical arts  
classes.

For the maintenance of a continuation school in the city of Boston, as approved by the board of education under authority of chapter eight hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, a sum not exceeding fifty-eight hundred eight dollars and sixty-eight cents.

Continuation  
school in  
Boston.

For the tuition of non-resident pupils in non-agricultural schools maintained in certain cities and towns, as approved by the board of education under authority of chapter four hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, a sum not exceeding twenty-two thousand twelve dollars and seventy-one cents.

Tuition of  
certain pupils,  
in non-  
agricultural  
schools.

For the tuition of non-resident pupils in agricultural schools and departments maintained in certain cities and towns, as approved by the board of education under authority of chapter four hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven and chapter five hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred fourteen dollars and fifty-three cents.

Tuition of  
certain pupils  
in agricultural  
schools.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE CERTAIN LAND OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THE WIDEN-  
ING OF HARVARD STREET. *Chap. 91*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The board of street commissioners of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to take in fee, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by said board and the state board of insanity, so much land of the com-

City of Boston  
may take  
certain land of  
the common-  
wealth to  
widen Harvard  
street.

monwealth in the Dorchester and West Roxbury districts of said city as may be necessary for the widening of Harvard street.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

**Chap. 92 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VETERINARY SURGEON OF THE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may appoint  
Daniel P.  
Keough  
veterinary  
surgeon, etc.

The fire commissioner of the city of Boston may appoint Daniel P. Keough, the veterinary surgeon of the Boston fire department, a regular permanent member without requiring him to qualify under the civil service laws; but his appointment or service heretofore or hereafter, shall not entitle him to a pension.

*Approved February 23, 1915.*

**Chap. 93 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HULL TO PAY A SUM  
OF MONEY TO EUGENE MITCHELL, JUNIOR, AND WILLIAM  
B. G. MITCHELL.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Hull  
may pay a sum  
of money to  
Eugene  
Mitchell, Jr.,  
and William  
B. G. Mitchell.

SECTION 1. The town of Hull is hereby authorized to reimburse Eugene Mitchell, Junior, and William B. G. Mitchell in the sum of seven hundred seventy-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents, being the amount of a judgment recovered against them together with counsel fees and disbursements for the false arrest of Charles A. Eldredge in the discharge of their official duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the seventeenth day of February, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

[1896, 516; 1897, 388; 1898, 248.]

**Chap. 94 AN ACT TO REVOKE THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON  
TO ISSUE CERTAIN BONDS.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Authority of  
city of Boston  
to issue certain  
bonds, revoked.

SECTION 1. The authority of the city of Boston to issue further bonds under the provisions of chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight is hereby revoked, that part of Atlantic avenue

in the said city between Kneeland street and Dorchester avenue, having been discontinued by an order of the board of street commissioners on the seventh day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF EVERETT TO PAY A PENSION TO JAMES T. FARMER. Chap. 95

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Everett, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to pay to James T. Farmer an annual sum equal to one half of the annual compensation which he was receiving from the said city as a schoolhouse custodian at the time of his retirement; said payment by the city to date from the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

City of Everett  
may pay a  
pension to  
James T.  
Farmer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

[1848, 32; 1849, 16, 210; 1850, 191; 1855, 313; 1856, 272; 1857, 95; 1860, 96; 1862, 35; 1864, 61; 1865, 196; 1866, 199; 1868, 195; 1871, 1; 1873, 183; 1877, 193; 1883, 26; 1887, 236, 306; 1888, 360; 1893, 444; 1894, 430, 475; 1902, 128, 274; 1903, 180; 1906, 462; 1910, 140, 178, 203, 239, 250, 252, 267; 1914, 64, 223, 312, 461.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER. Chap. 96

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out the words "by ballot", in the fourth and fifth lines, so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The city council of the city of Worcester shall, in the month of January next following the passage of this act, and in every third year thereafter, by concurrent vote, the board of aldermen acting first, elect a city treasurer and collector of taxes, to hold office for three years from the date of his election, and until the election and qualification of his successor, unless sooner removed in accordance with law.

1914, 64, § 1,  
amended.

City treasurer  
and collector  
of taxes of  
Worcester,  
election, term,  
etc.

SECTION 2. The said act is hereby further amended by the addition of the following section: — *Section 4.* The city treasurer and collector of taxes elected as hereinbefore provided shall have all the powers and perform all the

Powers and  
duties.

duties prescribed by the city charter and the ordinances of the city of Worcester, and by all provisions of law, so far as they may apply, relative to city and town treasurers and collectors of taxes for cities and towns.

Previous acts  
ratified.

SECTION 3. All acts done by the city treasurer and collector of taxes for, and in behalf of, the city of Worcester since the fourth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

[1915, 97, Spec.]

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[1915, 96, Spec.]

*Chap. 97* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CITY  
AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City auditor of  
Worcester,  
election, term,  
etc.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Worcester shall, in the month of January next following the passage of this act, and in the month of January of every third year thereafter, by concurrent vote, the board of aldermen acting first, elect by viva voce vote a city auditor to hold office for the term of three years from the date of his election and until his successor is elected and qualified, unless sooner removed according to law.

Vacancy,  
how filled.

SECTION 2. When a vacancy occurs in the office of auditor it shall be filled forthwith by election in the manner above provided, and the person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term for which his predecessor was elected.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Worcester.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

[Accepted May 5, 1915.]

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*Chap. 98* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION  
AND EXPENSES OF THE MINIMUM WAGE COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
minimum wage  
commission.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the compensation and expenses of the minimum wage commission, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

For the salaries and expenses of the commissioners, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars. Commissioners, salaries.

For the salary of the secretary, two thousand dollars. Secretary.

For necessary clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars. Clerical assistance.

For the salaries of agents and investigators, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars. Agents and investigators.

For the compensation and expenses of wage boards, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars. Wage boards, compensation.

For office rent, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars. Office rent.

For travelling and contingent expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-six hundred dollars. Travelling expenses, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Chap. 99

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for expenses in connection with the retirement system for certain employees of the commonwealth, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

For the necessary expenses of administration, including clerical services, office supplies, and expenses, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars. Administration expenses.

To provide for the necessary annuity funds and pensions for employees retired from the state service, a sum not exceeding thirty-one thousand dollars. Annuity funds and pensions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

[1855, 47; 1912, 526.]

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT TO THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN. Chap. 100

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter nineteen of the Revised Laws, entitled "Of the Civil Service", and all acts R. L. 19, etc., amended.

Civil service rules to apply to chief of the Watertown fire department.

in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and the civil service rules made thereunder and all acts now or hereafter in force relating to the appointment and the removal of members of the fire department of the town of Watertown shall apply to the chief of said fire department.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Act to be submitted to the voters, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Watertown at the next municipal election, and if accepted by the majority of the voters voting thereon shall take effect upon such acceptance; otherwise it shall not take effect.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

[Accepted March 1, 1915]

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[1872, 335; 1877, 136; 1883, 85, 139; 1894, 187; 1896, 212; 1897, 436, 473; 1901, 81; 1907, 522, 559; 1911, 335; 1912, 198, 199.]

*Chap. 101* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF STONEHAM TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ITS WATER SUPPLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Stoneham may borrow money to increase its water supply.

SECTION 1. For the purposes mentioned in chapter two hundred and twelve of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the town of Stoneham is hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, such sums of money as it may deem necessary, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, and to issue therefor bonds or notes. Such bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof, Stoneham Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the selectmen. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The proceeds of any such sale, except premiums, shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Stoneham Water Loan, Act of 1915.



SECTION 2. The said town shall, at the time of author-  
 izing the said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof Payment  
of loan.  
 in accordance with section one of this act; and when a vote  
 to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income  
 derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual  
 expense of operating its water works and the interest as it  
 accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the town,  
 and to make such payments on the principal as may be re-  
 quired under the provisions of this act, shall, without further  
 vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually  
 thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are  
 assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is  
 extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 26, 1915.*

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[1867, 208; 1870, 160; 1872, 238; 1878, 57; 1885, 336; 1887, 126; 1890, 220; 1891, 417; 1892,  
 225, 278; 1893, 309, 433; 1895, 331; 1902, 415; 1907, 171; 1909, 150.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MELROSE TO INCUR *Chap.102*  
 INDEBTEDNESS FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES. -

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Melrose for the purpose of ex-  
 tending and improving its system of water works is hereby  
 authorized to borrow, outside its statutory limit of indebted-  
 ness, a sum or sums not exceeding one hundred thousand  
 dollars and to issue therefor, from time to time, bonds or  
 notes in addition to the amount heretofore authorized.  
 Such bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof,  
 Melrose Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be signed by the  
 treasurer and countersigned by the mayor of the city; shall  
 bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding  
 four and one half per cent per annum; and shall be payable  
 by such annual payments, beginning not more than one  
 year after the date of each issue, as will extinguish each loan  
 within thirty years from its date, and the amount of such  
 annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less  
 than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in  
 any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or  
 notes shall constitute a separate loan. The city may sell  
 such securities at public or private sale or pledge the same  
 for money borrowed for the purposes of this act, upon such  
 terms and conditions as it may deem proper: *provided*, City of Melrose  
may borrow  
money to  
improve its  
water supply.  
  
Melrose Water  
Loan, Act of  
1915.  
  
Proviso.  
 that they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and

the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Payment  
of loan.

SECTION 2. The said city shall at the time of authorizing said loan or loans provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expenses of operating the water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds and notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter in the manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 26, 1915.*

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[1910, 604; 1911, 639; 1913, 661, 839; 1914, 772.]

*Chap. 103* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE TO TAKE  
ADDITIONAL LAND FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1913, 661, § 2,  
etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter six hundred and sixty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, as affected by chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the same year, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "town", in the fifth line, the words: — and Shoddy Mill pond, so-called, with land bordering thereon or adjacent thereto, known as the lowest privilege in the town of Uxbridge, or may take a ground water supply by means of wells, filter galleries, or other works from the land bordering on or adjacent to said Shoddy Mill pond, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* The said town may obtain its water supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells, or may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold the water of any pond, stream or spring, or artesian or driven well, within the limits of the town, and Shoddy Mill pond, so-called, with land bordering thereon or adjacent thereto, known as the lowest privilege in the town of Uxbridge, or may take a ground water supply by means of wells, filter galleries, or other works from the land bordering on or adjacent to said Shoddy Mill pond, and the water rights connected with any such water sources, and also all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for holding and

Town of  
Blackstone  
may take  
additional land  
for water  
supply  
purposes.

preserving the water and for conveying the same to any part of the town: *provided*, that no source of water supply for domestic purposes and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of such water shall be taken without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state board of health. Said town may also erect on the land taken or held as aforesaid, proper dams, buildings, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery, and provide such other means and appliances as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and may construct and lay conduits, pipes and other works under or on any lands, water courses, railroads, railways or public or private ways, and along any such ways, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act the town may dig up any lands or ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel. The town shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation except at such times and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation or in case of a failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Proviso.

Erection of dams and other structures.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 26, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AUDITING OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS AND THE TAKING OF A SUMMER CENSUS BY THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS. Chap. 104

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of auditing municipal accounts, the same to be met by assessments upon the municipalities for which the work is done. A sum not exceeding one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of taking a special census in towns having an increased resident population during the summer months, the same to be met by assessments upon the towns for which the work is done.

Appropriation, auditing of municipal accounts.

Special census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

[1871, 95; 1872, 178; 1873, 322; 1883, 72; 1885, 140; 1889, 52; 1893, 90; 1895, 342; 1898, 482; 1901, 271, 276; 1906, 317, § 10; 1910, 486, § 2, 568; 1911, 472.]

*Chap.105* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO MAKE  
AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Westfield may  
make an  
additional  
water loan.

SECTION 1. The town of Westfield, for the purposes mentioned in chapter three hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, may borrow money from time to time, and issue therefor negotiable bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued by it for the same purposes.

Town of  
Westfield Water  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

SECTION 2. Bonds or notes issued under authority of this act shall bear on their face the words, Town of Westfield Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of the annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by a majority of the water commissioners. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purpose herein specified.

Payment  
of loan.

SECTION 3. Said town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section two of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works, and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the town, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are

assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

[1893, 233, 278; 1894, 495; 1895, 47; 1896, 340; 1897, 108; 1899, 89; 1901, 165, 204; 1902, 490; 1910, 386.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF SEWER ASSESS- Chap.106  
MENTS IN THE CITY OF NEWTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Newton are hereby authorized to amend, repeal or rescind any or all existing orders or ordinances of the city of Newton which establish a method of sewer assessment and by which any assessments for sewers have been made, and the city is further authorized to adopt and establish by ordinance or by order, any method of sewer assessment now authorized by law and to make, by its board of aldermen, with the approval of the mayor, assessments and reassessments thereunder: *provided*, that no change shall be made in assessments already levied at the time of the passage of this act.

Regulation of  
sewer assess-  
ments in the  
city of Newton.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SALEM TO CONSTRUCT A Chap.107  
NEW BRIDGE OVER THE SOUTH RIVER IN SALEM AND TO  
DISCONTINUE THE UNION STREET BRIDGE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Salem is hereby authorized and directed within two years after this act takes effect, subject to the provisions of this act and of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws, of all amendments thereof, and of all other general laws which may be applicable, to discontinue that part of Union street, a public highway in the said city which extends over the South river; to remove the existing bridge at said Union street; and to lay out and construct a new highway over the tide water known as South river.

City of Salem  
may construct  
a new bridge  
over South  
river, etc.

SECTION 2. The bridge shall be constructed with a draw and shall be of such width, grade, material and construction, and shall be constructed at such place and between such

Bridge to have  
draw.

points as the Salem rebuilding commission, with the approval of the harbor and land commissioners, shall determine.

Necessary  
approaches, etc.

SECTION 3. The Salem rebuilding commission shall construct all necessary approaches to the said bridge on each end thereof; shall cause shoals to be dredged or otherwise removed, so as to afford vessels passing to or through the draw of said bridge a depth of water equal at least to that now afforded; and shall take or purchase such lands for the approaches to said bridge as it shall deem necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act, and shall cause all lands so acquired to be properly filled and graded.

Taking  
of property.

SECTION 4. The Salem rebuilding commission, for the purpose of laying out and constructing said bridge and approaches, is hereby authorized to take the property of any person, firm or corporation, and shall, within ninety days after the taking of any such property, file in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with an appraisal of the damages, if any, awarded by them to the owner of such property. Any person aggrieved by the award may, within one year after the filing of the description aforesaid, apply for a jury in the superior court to appraise said damages in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for highways.

Payment  
of damages.

SECTION 5. The Salem rebuilding commission, in the removal of the Union street bridge or abandonment of so much of the streets and ways as may be made necessary by such removal, shall proceed under the same laws, so far as they are applicable, which govern the laying out of highways in said city. The city of Salem shall pay only such damages to property as it would be obliged by law to pay for highway damages on account of the abandonment of so much of the streets and ways as may be made necessary by such removal of the Union street bridge and such damages shall be recovered in the manner provided by law for highway damages in said city.

City to pay  
cost, etc.

SECTION 6. The cost and expense incurred in the laying out and construction of the said bridge and the removal of the Union street bridge shall be paid by the city of Salem, and the said city is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars and from time to time to issue its notes or bonds therefor; and the same shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the city. Such notes or bonds shall bear on

their face the words, Congress Street Bridge Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper; but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds, except premiums, shall be used only for the purposes herein specified. No money shall be expended or any contract made or entered into or indebtedness incurred for the purposes aforesaid until the plan and specifications for the bridge and its approaches have been approved by the harbor and land commissioners. All proposed contracts for the construction of the new bridge or the removal of the Union street bridge shall be approved by the Salem rebuilding commission.

Congress Street Bridge Loan, Act of 1915.

Plan, etc., to be approved by harbor and land commissioners.

Contracts, etc., to be approved by commission.

SECTION 7. In case any street railway is granted a location upon said bridge it shall pay into the treasury of the city of Salem, as its part of the expense of the construction of said bridge, a sum amounting to fifteen per cent of the total expense incurred by the said construction and any sum received on this account shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act or for the payment of indebtedness incurred for said purposes: *provided, however*, that no such location shall be granted upon said bridge except upon the condition that the said company shall enter into an agreement with the said city to keep that part of the roadway on said bridge lying between the tracks of the company and eighteen inches outside thereof on both sides of said tracks in reasonable repair and safe for public travel.

Certain street railways to pay portion of costs, etc.

Proviso.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the Salem rebuilding commission; and for the purpose of being submitted to the said commission this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

[Accepted March 10, 1915.]

[1902, 526.]

*Chap.108* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COST OF THE DISPOSAL OF SURFACE DRAINAGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1902, 526, § 1,  
amended.

Cost of  
disposal of  
surface  
drainage in  
city of Boston.

SECTION 1. Chapter five hundred and twenty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two is hereby amended by striking out section one and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 1.* The expense of the construction and maintenance of sewers in the city of Boston designed for the disposal of surface drainage solely, except the expenses incurred in the improvement of brook courses or streams for sewerage works purposes, shall be borne wholly by said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

*Chap.109* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO DANIEL J. SULLIVAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of  
Taunton may  
pay a sum of  
money to  
Daniel J.  
Sullivan.

SECTION 1. The city of Taunton, acting through the mayor and municipal council, is hereby authorized to pay to Daniel J. Sullivan, formerly employed in the street department of the city, who is becoming totally blind as a result of an injury received in the discharge of his duty, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in one payment or in equal monthly instalments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

*Chap.110* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF PATRICK KENNEALLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of  
Taunton may  
pay a sum of  
money to  
Annie  
Kenneally.

SECTION 1. The city of Taunton, acting by its mayor and municipal council, is hereby authorized to pay to Annie Kenneally, widow of Patrick Kenneally, who, while walking on the sidewalk in said city, was run into and instantly killed by a fire truck of the city, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in one payment or in equal monthly instalments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*



AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES *Chap.111*  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF HOSPITALS FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the expenses of the trustees of hospitals for consumptives, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Appropriations, trustees of hospitals for consumptives.

For the salary of the secretary and clerks, a sum not exceeding five thousand sixty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents.

Secretary and clerks, salaries.

For travelling and other necessary expenses of the trustees, to include printing and binding of their annual report, a sum not exceeding forty-seven hundred dollars.

Expenses of trustees.

For the salary of an agent to inspect hospitals in cities and towns, fourteen hundred dollars.

Agent, salary.

For the salary of a trained social worker to look up discharged patients, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars.

Trained social worker.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM *Chap.112*  
OF MONEY TO JOHN CORRIGAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars to John Corrigan, an employee of the public works department, on account of serious injuries sustained by him in the month of October, nineteen hundred and thirteen, while in the discharge of his duty as such employee.

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to John Corrigan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM *Chap.113*  
OF MONEY TO PATRICK SHEEHAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, to Patrick Sheehan, an employee of the park and recreation department, on account of serious injuries sustained by him in the month

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to Patrick Sheehan.

of March, nineteen hundred and twelve, while in the discharge of his duty as such employee.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.  
*Approved March 2, 1915.*

**Chap.114** AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARDS OF PAROLE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF PARDONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, boards of parole, etc.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the compensation and expenses of the boards of parole and the advisory board of pardons of the commonwealth, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Members.

For the per diem compensation of the members of the boards of parole and advisory board of pardons, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Chairman and deputy commissioner.

For the compensation of the chairman and deputy commissioner, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Clerical assistance.

For clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Travelling expenses, etc.

For travelling and contingent expenses of said boards and their officers, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred and seventy-five dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 2, 1915.*

**Chap.115** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LEOMINSTER TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Leominster may appropriate money for celebration, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Leominster may, at any town meeting held during the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, appropriate money for the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation, and may raise by taxation such amount of money as may be authorized by a two thirds vote at such meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 2, 1915.*

[1896, 536; 1899, 347; 1900, 473.]

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW AND RULES TO EMPLOYEES AT THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION OF THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. *Chap.116*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. All appointments to positions at the house of correction of the penal institutions departments of the city of Boston shall hereafter be made in accordance with the civil service law and rules of the commonwealth. No person now employed in said department shall be required to take a civil service examination in order to retain his present position.

Civil service rules extended to employees at house of correction of city of Boston.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved March 3, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS NAUTICAL SCHOOL. *Chap.117*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for expenses of the Massachusetts nautical school, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Appropriations, Massachusetts nautical school.

For the current expenses of the school, a sum not exceeding sixty-two thousand dollars.

Current expenses.

For expenses of the commissioners, the salary of the secretary, clerical services, printing, stationery, contingent expenses and printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Commissioners, secretary, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 4, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A RECORD OF MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR OF THE REBELLION. *Chap.118*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for expenses in con-

Publication of record of Massachusetts soldiers and sailors, etc.

nection with the publication of a record of Massachusetts troops and officers, sailors and marines in the war of the rebellion, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 4, 1915.*

[1854, 257; 1869, 245; 1881, 78; 1885, 269; 1890, 275; 1902, 393; 1913, 299.]

**Chap.119** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE CITY OF FALL RIVER TO MAINTAIN DISPENSARIES FOR OUTDOOR RELIEF.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Board of overseers of the poor of the city of Fall River may maintain dispensaries, etc.

SECTION 1. The board of overseers of the poor of the city of Fall River may establish and maintain one or more dispensaries or places for outdoor relief of the needy, notwithstanding the provisions of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, in the same manner and with like effect as before the passage of said act.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 4, 1915.*

**Chap.120** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF REVERE TO FUND A CERTAIN PORTION OF ITS INDEBTEDNESS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Revere may fund a portion of its indebtedness.

SECTION 1. The city of Revere, by vote of two thirds of the members of the city council, taken by yeas and nays, with the approval of the mayor, is authorized to incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, outside the limit of indebtedness fixed by law and to issue notes or bonds therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the same to be denominated on their face, City of Revere Funding Loan, Act of 1915. The proceeds shall be applied exclusively to the cancellation and extinction of certain indebtedness represented by notes issued in anticipation of taxes and certain obligations of the town of Revere issued or outstanding prior to January first, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

City of Revere Funding Loan, Act of 1915.

SECTION 2. The indebtedness incurred under this act shall be paid in such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after its date, as will extinguish the loan within ten years after the date of the issue of the first note or bond issued in accordance herewith, and in such manner that the amount of principal payable in any year shall not be less than the amount of principal payable in any subsequent year. After a vote has been passed in accordance with the provisions of section one, the annual amount required shall, without further vote, be assessed under the provisions of section thirty-seven of Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, until the debt is extinguished. Payment of loan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 5, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE Chap.121  
TRUSTEES OF MASSACHUSETTS TRAINING SCHOOLS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the expenses of the trustees of Massachusetts training schools, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations, Massachusetts training schools.

For the salary and office expenses of the secretary of said trustees, a sum not exceeding forty-four hundred dollars. Secretary, salary, etc.

For travelling and other expenses of the trustees, to include printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars. Travelling expenses.

For salaries and expenses of such agents as the said trustees may employ, a sum not exceeding twenty-two thousand two hundred dollars. Agents.

For expenses in connection with boarding out children from the Lyman and industrial schools for boys, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars. Expenses boarding out children.

For expenses in connection with the care of probationers from the state industrial school, to include boarding out and other expenses of girls on probation, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand two hundred dollars. Expenses of care of probationers.

Instruction of  
children, etc.

For instruction in the public schools of children boarded out by the trustees of the Lyman and industrial schools, a sum not exceeding sixteen hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

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*Chap.122* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation,  
maintenance of  
the state  
industrial  
school for girls.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the state industrial school for girls, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

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*Chap.123* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LYMAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation,  
maintenance of  
the Lyman  
school for boys.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-two thousand four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the Lyman school for boys, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

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*Chap.124* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation,  
maintenance of  
the Industrial  
school for boys.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding eighty thousand seven hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the industrial school for boys, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXTERMINATING DISEASES AMONG HORSES, CATTLE AND OTHER ANIMALS. *Chap.125*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the extermination of contagious diseases among horses, cattle and other animals, for the present year and previous years. Appropriation, extermination of contagious diseases among animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY. *Chap.126*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the department of animal industry, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations, department of animal industry.

For the salary of the commissioner of animal industry, thirty-five hundred dollars. Commissioner, salary.

For clerical assistance and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars. Clerical assistance, etc.

For compensation of inspectors of animals, a sum not exceeding sixty-five hundred dollars. Inspectors.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN NEEDY PERSONS BY THE STATE FORESTER. *Chap.127*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the state forester in the employment of certain needy persons, as authorized by chapter two of the resolves of the present year; and there is also hereby made available for this purpose the unexpended balances of the appropriations made under the provisions Appropriation, employment of certain needy persons.

of chapter seven hundred and fifty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and chapter five hundred and ninety-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 6, 1915.*

[1913, 83.]

*Chap.128* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROCKTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INCORPORATED.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1913, 83 § 5,  
amended.

Number of  
directors of  
Brockton  
Chamber of  
Commerce, Inc.

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter eighty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "twelve", in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — eighteen, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 5.* The management and control of the property and affairs of said corporation, subject to its by-laws, shall be vested in a board of eighteen directors, who shall be elected as may be provided in the by-laws to be adopted by the corporation, and there shall be such other officers with such duties as the by-laws may prescribe.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[1863, 163; 1868, 52; 1872, 222, 292; 1874, 219; 1875, 217, § 10; 1877, 142; 1878, 149; 1883, 95; 1887, 114, 356; 1888, 104; 1894, 171, 345; 1909, 202; 1911, 65; 1912, 75; 1913, 314, 511, § 3; 1914, 188.]

*Chap.129* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO SUPPLY WATER TO THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of New  
Bedford may  
supply water  
to the town of  
Acushnet.

SECTION 1. The city of New Bedford may furnish and sell by meter water to the town of Acushnet at the boundary line between said city and town at a rate to be agreed upon by the city and town, but which shall not be less than that prevailing in New Bedford.

Town of  
Acushnet may  
install water  
equipment.

SECTION 2. The town of Acushnet may at its own expense install mains, service pipes and all other equipment in the highways and other places of the town necessary to receive and distribute water purchased from the city of New Bedford.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*



[1915, 87, Spec.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION TO Chap.130  
MAKE CONTRACTS FOR TEMPORARY USE OF PORTIONS OF  
THE DORCHESTER TUNNEL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Boston transit commission in the name and on behalf of the city of Boston may execute contracts in writing with the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the temporary use of such parts of the Dorchester tunnel as may from time to time be completed, on such terms as may be agreed upon by the Boston transit commission and the Boston Elevated Railway Company. Such contracts shall terminate when the use of said tunnel shall begin under the contract made on the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and eleven, under and in accordance with the provisions of section three of Part I of chapter seven hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Boston transit commission may make contracts for temporary use of portions of the Dorchester tunnel.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[1915, 270, Spec.]

[1877, 8; 1879, 32; 1882, 100.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF THE Chap.131  
INDEPENDENT CORPS OF CADETS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL  
PROPERTY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two is hereby amended by striking out the words "two hundred and fifty", in the last line, and by inserting in place thereof the words: — seven hundred and fifty, — so as to read as follows: —

1882, 100, § 1, amended.

*Section 1.* The Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets, incorporated by chapter eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets may hold additional property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

*Chap.132* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF RICHARD POWER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may pay a sum  
of money to  
Mary Power.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to pay to Mary Power, widow of Richard Power, an employee of the city, who was killed in the performance of his duties as a driver of a paper wagon, a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

*Chap.133* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF INSANITY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
state board of  
insanity.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the state board of insanity, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Chairman,  
salary.

For the salary of the chairman of the board, the sum of fifty-five hundred dollars, and for the salaries of the two other members, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Officers and  
employees.

For the salaries of officers and employees, a sum not exceeding forty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

Travelling  
expenses, etc.

For travelling, office and contingent expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding ten thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Transportation of state  
paupers.

For transportation and medical examination of state paupers under the charge of the board, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Support of  
insane paupers,  
etc.

For the support of insane paupers boarded out in families, under the charge of the board, or temporarily absent under the authority of the same, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Support of  
certain state  
paupers.

For the support of state paupers in the Hospital Cottages for Children, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Investigation  
of mental  
diseases, etc.

For the expenses of an investigation as to the nature, causes, results and treatment of mental diseases and defects,

and for the publication of the results thereof, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LYNN TO PENSION Chap.134  
GEORGE LEAVITT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Lynn is hereby authorized to pay to George Leavitt, who was an employee of the city for forty-two years and retired from the service of the city on account of a paralytic shock, in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, the same annual pension to which he would have been entitled if the city of Lynn had accepted the provisions of chapter five hundred and three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, relative to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns while the said Leavitt was in the employment of the city.

City of Lynn  
may pension  
George Leavitt.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the municipal council of the city of Lynn.

Time of taking  
effect.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[1865, 198; 1886, 265, 279; 1887, 396; 1893, 366; 1896, 255; 1897, 425; 1898, 462; 1902, 245, 439; 1905, 84, 335; 1911, 347.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ELECTION OF A PRUDENTIAL Chap.135  
COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE GREAT  
BARRINGTON FIRE DISTRICT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Upon the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, the Great Barrington Fire District shall, at its annual meeting to be held in April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, elect by official ballot five persons who shall serve and be known as the prudential committee and board of public works, and who shall hold office, one until the expiration of three years, two until the expiration of two years, and two until the expiration of one year, from the said annual meeting in nineteen hundred and sixteen. Thereafter two such members of the prudential committee and board of public works shall be elected annually to serve for the term of three years, except that in every third year one such member only shall be elected, to serve for the term of three years therefrom, or until their or his successors are elected and qualified.

Great Barrington Fire District may elect a prudential committee, etc.

Board of water commissioners, etc., abolished.

SECTION 2. Upon the election of said prudential committee and board of public works, the boards of water commissioners and sidewalk and sewer commissioners shall be abolished, and thereupon all the powers, rights, duties and liabilities of said boards of water commissioners and sidewalk and sewer commissioners in said fire district shall be conferred and imposed upon the prudential committee and board of public works created by this act. No contracts or liabilities, existing at the time of said election, shall be affected hereby, but the board hereby created shall be in all respects and for all purposes whatsoever the lawful successor of the boards of water commissioners and sidewalk and sewer commissioners.

Choice of chairman and clerk.

SECTION 3. Immediately after their election the said board shall organize by choosing a chairman and a clerk. The clerk may be any qualified voter of said fire district, and upon his appointment the office of clerk of the fire district, as an elective office, shall be abolished, and the clerk of said board shall thereafter be, by virtue of his office, clerk of said fire district. Said board is also empowered and required to appoint a superintendent of public works, who shall have, subject to the authority of the board, entire supervision of the sidewalks, sewers, drains and water works of the district, and be subject to removal at any time by the board.

Appointment of superintendent of public works.

Nomination and election of officers.

SECTION 4. The nomination and election of all officers to be voted for in said fire district shall be made and conducted in the same manner and by the same form of ballot as the nomination and election of officers of the town of Great Barrington.

To be submitted to voters, etc.

SECTION 5. This act, except as provided in section six, shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the Great Barrington Fire District present and voting thereon at a legal meeting called for the purpose at any time before the first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixteen; but the number of meetings so called shall not exceed two. Said vote shall be by an official printed ballot, prepared by the clerk of the fire district, having thereon the following question: — “Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled ‘An Act to authorize the election of a prudential committee and board of public works in the Great Barrington Fire District’, be accepted?”

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| YES. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NO.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 6. So much of this act as authorizes its submission as aforesaid shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[Accepted, April 23, 1915.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ROXBURY BOARD OF TRADE. *Chap.136**Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Frank Ferdinand, Timothy Smith, Victor A. Heath, Albert J. Foster, Frank S. Waterman, Henry C. Crine, Simon Goldsmith, Frederic W. Rugg, James G. Knowles, William L. Russell, Ernest R. Buffington, George Melhado, Wilfred Carter, Edward C. Hall, Junior, George O. Cutter and Thomas F. Connor, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a corporation under the name of the Roxbury Board of Trade, to be situated in that part of the city of Boston called Roxbury, for the purpose of advancing the commercial interests and development of the Roxbury district of Boston. Said corporation may establish and maintain a place of meeting for its members and may secure and furnish to its members and to others reports, information, quotations and assistance in the matter of trade development and expansion.

Roxbury Board of Trade, incorporated.

Purpose.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall have a president, treasurer, secretary, a board of directors of not less than seven members, and such other officers as may be provided for by the by-laws of the corporation, all of whom shall be elected in accordance with the by-laws.

Officers.

SECTION 3. Qualification for membership in said corporation, the manner of electing members, the raising of revenue from its membership, the times for the annual and other meetings, and the duties of the officers shall be as provided by its by-laws.

Membership, meetings, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GLENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN THE TOWN OF NATICK. *Chap.137**Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. William Karb, Caroline V. Schaller, Ida L. C. Diehl, William Diehl and Joseph Schaller, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, for the purpose of maintaining and improving the cemetery in the southern part of Natick, known as the Glenwood cemetery, and for the purpose of acquiring such additional land as may be necessary or convenient, with all the powers and privileges of

Glenwood Cemetery Association, incorporated.

cemetery corporations, and subject to all general laws now and hereafter in force applicable thereto.

Membership.

SECTION 2. All persons now or hereafter owning lots or any interest in lots in said cemetery may become members of the corporation on application to the secretary, and when any person shall cease to be the proprietor of a lot or of an interest in a lot in the lands of the corporation he shall cease to be a member thereof.

Proceeds of sales, etc.

SECTION 3. The net proceeds of sales of lots in the lands held by the said corporation, and any bequests made to it, shall be applied to the preservation, improvement, embellishment, protection or enlargement of said cemetery, and to paying the incidental expenses thereof, and to no other purpose.

Powers.

SECTION 4. The said corporation is hereby authorized to take and hold any grant, gift or bequest of property, upon trust, and to apply the same or the income thereof to the improvement, embellishment, protection or enlargement of said cemetery, or of any lot therein, or for the erection, repair, preservation or removal of any monument, fence or other structure therein, or for the planting or cultivation of trees, shrubs or plants in or around any lot, or for improving said premises in any manner consistent with the object of the corporation, according to the terms of such grant or bequest.

By-laws.

SECTION 5. The said corporation may by its by-laws provide for such officers as may be necessary, and may define their powers and duties, and may also provide for the care and management of the cemetery and for the sale of lots therein, and for the management of any funds which the corporation may hold, and for any other matters incident to the purposes of the corporation.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

*Chap.138* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
state board of  
labor and  
industries.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the state board of labor and industries, for the fiscal year

ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, for the following purposes, to wit: —

For the salaries of the members of the board, a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars. Members, salaries.

For the salaries of the commissioner and deputy commissioners, a sum not exceeding eighty-five hundred dollars. Commissioner and deputy commissioners.

For the salaries of inspectors and investigators, a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars. Inspectors and investigators.

For the salaries of stenographers and clerks and other assistants, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars. Stenographers and clerks.

For travelling expenses of members of the board, officers, inspectors and investigators, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars. Travelling expenses.

For rent and care of office, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars. Rent of office, etc.

For postage, stationery, office supplies and printing, including printing the annual report, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand five hundred dollars. Postage, stationery, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[1898, 90.]

AN ACT TO UNITE THE INDIAN RIDGE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANDOVER VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY IN ONE CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME OF THE ANDOVER VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY. *Chap. 139*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Indian Ridge Association and the Andover Village Improvement Society, corporations duly established under the laws of the commonwealth, are hereby authorized to unite and form one corporation under the name of The Andover Village Improvement Society. Andover Village Improvement Society, incorporated.

SECTION 2. The objects of said new corporation shall be to maintain Indian Ridge as a public park or forest reservation in the town of Andover; to acquire other tracts of land for public pleasure grounds or forest reservations; to improve and ornament the streets and public grounds of said town by planting and cultivating trees, cleaning and repairing sidewalks, and doing such other acts as will tend to beautify and adorn said streets and grounds, and in general to carry out the objects for which the Indian Ridge Association and the Andover Village Improvement Society were incorporated. Purposes.

Membership.

SECTION 3. The members of said new corporation shall include all the members of said existing corporations at the time when this act shall take effect, and such others as said new corporation shall designate in its by-laws.

By-laws.

SECTION 4. Said new corporation shall have power to establish suitable by-laws to carry out all the powers hereby granted.

Powers, duties,  
etc.

SECTION 5. Said new corporation shall have all the rights, powers, franchises and privileges now held by, and shall be subject to all the liabilities, restrictions and duties imposed upon either of said existing corporations except as may otherwise be provided herein. Each of said existing corporations is hereby authorized to assign, transfer and convey to said new corporation all its rights, privileges, interests, estates and property, and said new corporation is authorized to receive and hold the same and shall thereupon become liable for all the debts, liabilities or obligations of both of said existing corporations. Such property as was received by either of said existing corporations for a special purpose shall be devoted to that purpose by said new corporation. All personal property so transferred to said new corporation by the Indian Ridge Association, and which constituted the general fund of said association, shall be held and managed as a separate fund, to be known as the Indian Ridge Fund and to be used for the same purposes and to the same extent as it is now used by the Indian Ridge Association; and all personal property so transferred to said new corporation by the Andover Village Improvement Society, which constituted the general fund of said society, shall be held and managed as a separate fund to be known as the Village Improvement Fund and to be used for the same purposes and to the same extent as it is now used by the Andover Village Improvement Society.

Officers, etc.

SECTION 6. The management and control of the property and effects of said new corporation shall be vested in a board of fifteen trustees, who shall be elected in accordance with the by-laws of the new corporation and shall be residents of the town of Andover. The trustees shall elect from their number a president, two or more vice presidents, a treasurer and a clerk, and such other officers as may be determined by the by-laws. All officers shall hold their offices for the terms fixed by the by-laws, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall have and exercise the powers



prescribed by the by-laws. The treasurer shall give bond, with sufficient surety, for the proper discharge of his duties.

SECTION 7. Said new corporation may obtain by purchase, gift or otherwise lands in Andover, but such lands, together with the lands now held by the Indian Ridge Association, shall not exceed one hundred and fifty acres, and said new corporation may hold, develop and administer the said lands for park and pleasure purposes, or for the purpose of forest reservations: *provided*, that the public shall always have free access to said lands and parks under reasonable regulations prescribed by said trustees.

May acquire lands.

Proviso.

SECTION 8. Said new corporation may receive and hold for the purposes aforesaid any gifts or bequests under such conditions as may be prescribed by the donors or testators if not inconsistent with the provisions of law and of this act; and in the absence of conditions attached to any such gifts or bequests, all funds thus received shall be held by said new corporation in trust, the income to be expended for the general purposes of the new corporation as above provided. Such gifts and bequests, together with all personal property now held by the Indian Ridge Association or the Andover Village Improvement Society, in the aggregate not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, and all land held under the provisions of section seven, including that now held by the Indian Ridge Association, in the aggregate not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres, shall be exempt from taxation so long as they are administered for the public purposes herein set forth.

Gifts and bequests.

SECTION 9. The first meeting of said new corporation shall be called by the presidents of the two existing corporations by a notice setting forth the time and place of the meeting, such notice to be published in a newspaper in the town of Andover seven days at least before the meeting, and at such meeting all members of either of said corporations shall be entitled to vote in like manner as they would have been if said corporations had met separately: *provided*, however, that no single membership shall carry the right to more than one vote. At such meeting either president may preside until a permanent organization is effected, or, in the absence of both presidents, a temporary presiding officer may be chosen.

Meetings.

Proviso.

SECTION 10. The existing corporations known as the Indian Ridge Association and the Andover Village Im-

Property of existing corporations.

provement Society shall continue in existence for such time as is necessary for the completion of the organization of said new corporation, the transfer to it of all property of the Indian Ridge Association and of the Andover Village Improvement Society, and the winding up of their affairs.

Time of  
taking effect.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but shall be void unless accepted within one year thereafter by each of said existing corporations.

*Approved March 8, 1915.*

[Accepted May 1, 1915, by the Indian Ridge Association.]  
[Accepted May 17, 1915, by the Andover Village Improvement Society.]

*Chap. 140* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF IPSWICH TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN POLES AND WIRES IN THE TOWN OF HAMILTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Ipswich may  
erect poles and  
wires in the  
town of  
Hamilton.

SECTION 1. The town of Ipswich may erect and maintain in the town of Hamilton poles and wires for the distribution and sale of electricity to the inhabitants of Ipswich; but the town of Ipswich shall not erect and maintain poles and wires for the distribution and sale of electricity upon, along, under or across public ways in the town of Hamilton without first obtaining from the selectmen of the town of Hamilton locations therefor in the manner required by law of companies incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating or power.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[1915, 72, Spec.]

*Chap. 141* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO PAY SALARIES TO THE MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Beverly  
may pay  
salaries to  
board of  
aldermen.

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Beverly may by a two thirds vote of its members, taken by call of the yeas and nays, establish a salary for its members not exceeding three hundred dollars each a year.

To be sub-  
mitted to  
voters at the  
next state  
election.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of the city of Beverly at the state election in the current year in the form of the following question to be printed on the official ballot: — "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen au-

thorizing the city of Beverly to pay salaries to the members of its board of aldermen, be accepted?" and if a majority of the votes cast thereon are in the affirmative, this act shall take effect; otherwise it shall be void.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[1868, 119.]

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
PEABODY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TO PEABODY MUSEUM OF  
SALEM AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID CORPORATION TO HOLD  
ADDITIONAL REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE. Chap.142

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation created by chapter one hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight by the name of "The Trustees of the Peabody Academy of Science" is hereby changed to Peabody Museum of Salem. Name changed.

SECTION 2. Under the new name said corporation shall hold all the property of whatever kind or nature now held under the old name, and any gift, devise or bequest heretofore or hereafter made to the said corporation under its old name shall inure to its benefit in the same manner as if the name had not been changed. May hold all property, etc.

SECTION 3. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars. May hold real and personal estate, etc.

SECTION 4. So much of section two of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[Sp. Laws, Vol. 2, p. 335; 1884, 144.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EPISCOPAL PARISH IN MARBLEHEAD TO HOLD ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Chap.143

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Episcopal Parish in Marblehead, usually called St. Michael's church, which was incorporated by chapter twenty-eight of the acts of the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and the charter of which was en- Episcopal Parish in Marblehead may hold additional property.

larged by chapter one hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, is hereby authorized to take and hold real and personal property to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars, anything in the charter of said parish or in any law of the commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[1911, 411.]

*Chap. 144* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SHELLFISH COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN TO FIX CERTAIN LICENSE FEES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1911, 411, § 8,  
amended.

Shellfish  
commissioners  
of New Bedford  
and Fairhaven  
to fix certain  
license fees.

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter four hundred and eleven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by striking out the words "A fee of five dollars shall be charged for a first class license, fifty dollars for a second class license, and one dollar for a third class license", in the first, second and third lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — The board of shellfish commissioners may establish such fees for first, second and third class licenses as they deem proper, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 8.* The board of shellfish commissioners may establish such fees for first, second and third class licenses as they deem proper. All licenses granted under authority of this act shall bear the name, age, place of residence, and identifying description of the licensee. Said licenses shall be valid for one year from the date of issue and no longer, shall not be transferable, and shall at all times be produced for examination upon the demand or request of any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this act, or of any commissioner on fisheries and game, or of a fish or game warden, or on demand of any sheriff, constable, police officer or other officer authorized to arrest for crime. Failure or refusal to produce said license upon such demand shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[1915, 214, Spec.]

[1899, 395; 1905, 168.]

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SIMMONS FEMALE COLLEGE *Chap.145*  
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CORPORATION TO HOLD ADDITIONAL  
PROPERTY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The name of Simmons Female College, a Name changed.  
corporation established by chapter three hundred and ninety-  
five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine,  
is hereby changed to Simmons College.

SECTION 2. Section three of said chapter is hereby 1899, 395, § 3,  
amended.  
amended by inserting after the word "property", in the  
eighth line, the words: — in any amount, — and by striking  
out all after the word "provided", in the ninth line, so  
as to read as follows:— *Section 3.* Said corporation is May hold  
additional  
property.  
authorized to receive from the trustees under the said will,  
and subject to the terms thereof, the property and funds  
devised or bequeathed thereby for the founding and en-  
dowing of the Simmons Female College; to hold and manage  
such property and funds in accordance with the provisions  
of said will; and to acquire, hold and manage other property  
in any amount for the purpose of instructing and training  
women as above provided.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE *Chap.146*  
BEE HIVE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Frederick T. Fuller, Ella J. Fuller, Russell A. Wood, Anna Order of the  
Bee Hive,  
incorporated.  
C. M. Tillinghast, Charles E. Burbank, Lily Owen Burbank,  
Charles M. Cox, Leon E. Baldwin, John W. Vaughan, Lena  
Blanche Vaughan, Joseph L. Larson, Ethel Frank Brigham,  
William C. McNamara, Annie A. McNamara, Obert Sletten,  
Beatrice Gardner, Kenneth H. Damren, Ruth A. Damren,  
Charles R. Maker, Marguerite J. Will, Charles E. Coombs,  
Alice L. Carney, Patrick J. Anglin and Mary C. Anglin,  
their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation  
by the name of the Order of the Bee Hive, to be situated  
in the city of Boston, for the purpose of maintaining a Purpose.  
propaganda of progressive principles, especially those set  
forth in the platform adopted at the Massachusetts state

convention of the progressive party in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and to cultivate fraternal and social relations between believers in those principles; with power to establish subordinate hives or branches throughout the commonwealth, and to hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding that prescribed by section eight of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Laws.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

*Chap.147* AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME AND ENLARGE THE PURPOSE OF THE SOUTH END INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Name changed. SECTION 1. The name of the South End Industrial School, a corporation organized under the laws of the commonwealth, is hereby changed to Norfolk House Centre.

Purpose. SECTION 2. The purpose of said corporation shall be to foster better homes and better citizenship through industrial classes and by such other means as may from time to time be adopted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

[1898, 128.]

*Chap.148* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUINCY MARKET COLD STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1898, 128, § 1,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight relating to Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, formerly the Quincy Market Cold Storage Company, is hereby amended by striking out the words "*provided*, that the whole amount of its capital stock shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars", in the last three lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — and for its other corporate purposes, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The Quincy Market Cold Storage Company, a corporation organized under chapter one hundred and six of the Public Statutes and having a paid-up capital stock of eight hundred thousand dollars, is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock in the manner which is now or may hereafter be provided by law for the

Quincy Market  
Cold Storage  
and Warehouse  
Company may  
increase its  
capital stock.

increase of the capital stock of manufacturing corporations, at such times and in such amounts as it may from time to time determine, for the purpose of paying debts incurred in construction and in the enlarging, adding to and extending of its plants and street pipes, and for its other corporate purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PLACE UPON THE PENSION ROLL THE NAME OF WARREN H. BROWN. Chap.149

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The mayor of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to place upon the pension roll of the city the name of Warren H. Brown, who was formerly a member of the fire department of the city as a call substitute, with call man's pay, and who was incapacitated for further service by an injury incurred in the course of his duties on August fourteenth, in the year nineteen hundred and five. The said pension shall be paid monthly, and shall be equal to one half of the compensation which the said Brown was receiving as a call fireman at the time of the said injury.

Mayor of Boston may place upon pension roll the name of Warren H. Brown.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR BAND CONCERTS IN PARKS AND ON OTHER LANDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION. Chap.150

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended during the present fiscal year out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, to enable the metropolitan park commission to provide band concerts in such parks and parkways or on such other lands under its control as it may select, and at such times as it may deem expedient.

Appropriation for band concerts in certain parks.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

*Chap.151* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF BOULEVARDS AND PARKWAYS IN CHARGE OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Care and maintenance of certain boulevards, etc.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding two hundred forty-three thousand eight dollars and sixteen cents is hereby appropriated for the care and maintenance of boulevards and parkways in charge of the metropolitan park commission, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, one half of this amount to be paid out of the ordinary revenue and the other half to be assessed upon the metropolitan district.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

*Chap.152* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF WELLINGTON BRIDGE BY THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Care and maintenance of the Wellington bridge.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding nine thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars and seventy-nine cents is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks System, Wellington Bridge, Maintenance Fund, for the care and maintenance of Wellington bridge, including draw-tenders, labor, lighting, watering, supplies and miscellaneous expenses, by the metropolitan park commission, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and ninety-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

*Chap.153* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CARE OF THE CHARLES RIVER BASIN BY THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Care of the Charles river basin.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred thirty-one thousand and ten dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the Charles River Basin Maintenance Fund by the



metropolitan park commission, for the care of the Charles river basin, during the year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as authorized by chapter four hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF RESERVATIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION AND FOR CERTAIN PENSIONS. Chap.154

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, for expenses of the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations.

For maintenance of reservations by the metropolitan park commission, a sum not exceeding four hundred nine thousand six hundred sixty-nine dollars and forty cents. Maintenance of reservations.

For certain pensions, a sum not exceeding two thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents. Pensions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NANTASKET BEACH RESERVATION BY THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION. Chap.155

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand thirty-two dollars and twenty-six cents is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the Metropolitan Park System, Nantasket, Maintenance Fund, for the care and maintenance of the Nantasket beach reservation by the metropolitan park commission, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the same to be assessed upon certain cities and towns in the metropolitan district, in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. Care and maintenance of the Nantasket beach reservation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

*Chap.156* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTAINING AND  
OPERATING THE SOUTH METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

South metro-  
politan sewer-  
age system,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the South Metropolitan Sewerage System Maintenance Fund, for the cost of maintenance and operation of the south metropolitan sewerage system, comprising a part of Boston, the cities of Newton and Waltham, and towns of Brookline, Watertown, Dedham and Milton, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 10, 1915.*

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*Chap.157* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTAINING AND  
OPERATING THE NORTH METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

North metro-  
politan sewer-  
age system,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred eighty-five thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the North Metropolitan Sewerage System Maintenance Fund, for the maintenance and operation of a system of sewage disposal for the cities included in what is known as the north metropolitan sewerage system, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 10, 1915.*

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*Chap.158* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS  
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Massachusetts  
Agricultural  
College, ap-  
propriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts Agricultural College, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Maintenance  
and current  
expenses.

For the maintenance and current expenses, payable in equal quarterly instalments, the sum of three hundred and three thousand dollars.

For travelling and other necessary expenses of the trustees, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars. Travelling expenses, etc.

For printing and binding the reports of the trustees, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars. Printing and binding reports.

For the inspection of commercial feed stuffs, six thousand dollars. Inspection of commercial feed stuffs.

To meet the cost of prosecutions in regulating the use of utensils for testing the composition or value of milk and cream, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. Cost of prosecutions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE METROPOLITAN WATER SYSTEM. Chap.159

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding four hundred sixty thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the Metropolitan Water Maintenance Fund, for the maintenance and operation of the metropolitan water system for the cities and towns in what is known as the metropolitan water district, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen. Metropolitan water system, maintenance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

[1892, 324; 1899, 327; 1903, 345; 1904, 141; 1906, 156, 252; 1910, 315; 1914, 516.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LAYING OUT, REPAIRING AND DISCONTINUING OF WAYS IN THE CITY OF MEDFORD. Chap.160

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and forty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-one and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 21.* The board of aldermen, with the approval of the mayor, shall have authority to order the laying out, altering, relocating, discontinuing and making specific repairs in all streets, ways and highways in the said city, and to assess all damages therefor. Any person aggrieved by any proceeding under this section shall have all the rights and privileges now allowed by law in like cases in respect to appeals from the decisions of selectmen, 1903, 345, amended.  
Laying out, etc., of ways in the city of Medford.

and nothing in this section shall be construed to exclude the jurisdiction of the county commissioners in respect to streets, ways and highways in the said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

**Chap.161** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF DANIEL CONNOR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to Annie B. Connor.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, to Annie B. Connor, widow of Daniel Connor. The said Daniel Connor, while in the discharge of his duties as a veterinary nurse in the employ of the city, received injuries which resulted in his death.

To be submitted to city council, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city, with the approval of the mayor.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

**Chap.162** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF PAXTON TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR CELEBRATING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Paxton may appropriate money for celebrating anniversary, etc.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of celebrating its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, and for publishing an account thereof, the town of Paxton may appropriate a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

[1913, 658.]

**Chap.163** AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR ESTABLISHING THE BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1913, 658, § 6, amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out section six and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 6.* This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters of said district present and voting at a meeting called for

Barnstable Fire district, time for establishing extended.

that purpose in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act, within six years after the passage of this act. If voted upon and not accepted, it may be resubmitted at subsequent district meetings, legally called for the purpose: *provided*, that it shall not be voted upon by the district more than three times in any one year. Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the fourth day of March, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

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[1878, 124; 1881, 37; 1882, 187; 1884, 17; 1886, 115, 118; 1890, 40; 1892, 64; 1894, 42; 1897, 101; 1899, 356; 1901, 207; 1902, 194, 461; 1904, 197; 1906, 80; 1907, 568; 1908, 131, 588; 1909, 76; 1910, 138; 1911, 40, 41; 1913, 171.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO MAKE AN Chap.164  
ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Brockton, for the purposes Brockton  
Water Loan,  
Act of 1915. named in chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, may issue, from time to time, bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued by said city for water works purposes; and the same shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the said city. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Brockton Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from their dates of issue, shall bear interest, payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the city and countersigned by the mayor. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and no part of the proceeds shall be used in payment of running expenses.

SECTION 2. The city shall, at the time of authorizing said Payment  
of loan. loan, provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each respective issue of bonds or notes as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act, and the amount of any annual payment shall not be less than the amount of

Payment of  
loan.

the principal payable in any subsequent year. And when a vote to the foregoing effect has been passed a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by said city, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

*Chap.165* AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE LOCATIONS GRANTED BY THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH FOR LINES OR WIRES FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Locations  
granted by the  
town of North  
Attleborough  
for lines or  
wires, etc.,  
confirmed.

SECTION 1. All lines or wires for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heat or power heretofore acquired or constructed by the town of North Attleborough upon, along, over and under the public ways and places of said town, and the poles, piers, abutments, conduits and other fixtures necessary to sustain or protect the wires of said lines and now in actual use, are hereby made lawful notwithstanding the lack of any valid locations therefor or any informality in the proceedings relative to their location and erection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

*Chap.166* AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STURGIS LIBRARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The Sturgis  
Library,  
incorporated.

SECTION 1. Anne M. Lothrop, William Sturgis Bigelow and Amy Lothrop Coolidge, trustees under an indenture of trust of William Sturgis, and holding property, real and personal, under such said indenture for the purpose of maintaining a free public library in the town of Barnstable, and their successors in said trust, are hereby made a corporation under the name of The Sturgis Library, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force applicable to such corporations.

SECTION 2. The said corporation may hold real and personal property for the purpose aforesaid to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. All gifts, devises, bequests, and grants to the corporation shall be devoted to said purpose and shall be used in conformity with and held upon the terms upon which such gifts, devises, bequests or grants have been or may hereafter be made, not inconsistent with this act: *provided*, that the said corporation shall not sell the real estate acquired by it from the trustees under the said indenture of trust of William Sturgis; and *provided*, that the said corporation shall not erect or purchase a library building elsewhere than on said real estate.

May hold property, etc.

Provisos.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A PENSION  
TO JOSEPH H. O'TOOLE. Chap. 167

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Joseph H. O'Toole, a former employee of that city who was injured while in the employment of the city, an annual pension equal to one half of the average annual compensation paid to him during the last three years of his employment by the city.

City of Boston may pay a pension to Joseph H. O'Toole.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

[Accepted May 6, 1915.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BLISS TRUST OF ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Chap. 168

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Clarence B. Roote, John F. Lambie, William A. Clark, Christian J. Hills and Everett Kimball, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Bliss Trust of St. John's Episcopal Church, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force relating to religious and charitable corporations, so far as the same are applicable. The number of members of said corporation shall be not less than five nor more than fifteen, and the protestant episcopal

The Bliss Trust of St. John's Episcopal Church, incorporated.

bishop of the diocese of western Massachusetts and the wardens and vestry of the corporation whose corporate name is The Minister, Wardens, Vestry and Proprietors of St. John's Church in Northampton shall be, ex officiis, members of the corporation hereby created.

Powers.

SECTION 2. The corporation hereby created shall be located at Northampton and shall have power to receive, hold and manage, upon the trusts set forth in a deed of trust and gift signed by Augusta H. Bliss and others, dated March thirty-first, nineteen hundred, as modified by a supplemental deed of trust dated January twenty-second, nineteen hundred and three, the property given by the widow and children of George Bliss and the securities in which the trust property is now invested, and all other property given to the said corporation last mentioned for parochial, religious or charitable purposes in connection with St. John's Episcopal Church in Northampton, or for other parochial, religious or charitable purposes.

May sell securities.

SECTION 3. The trustees under said deeds of trust are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and deliver all of the trust property now held by them to the said The Bliss Trust of St. John's Episcopal Church, and said corporation shall have full power to sell at public or private sale any or all of the securities in which the trust property may be invested, and to reinvest the proceeds thereof, and so to sell and reinvest when and as often as may seem to the corporation advisable, for the benefit of the trust, without any obligation on the part of any purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECTION 4. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate for parochial, religious and charitable purposes to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

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[Sp. Laws, Vol. 2, p. 137; 1839, 114; 1850, 273; 1864, 268; 1866, 258; 1867, 163, 187; 1868, 72, 302; 1869, 380, 462; 1871, 192; 1877, 143; 1885, 295; 1891, 285; 1892, 3; 1893, 364; 1903, 282; 1913, 700; 1914, 632.]

### *Chap. 169* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SALEM TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN AND TO ENLARGE ITS WATER SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Salem may enlarge its water system.

SECTION 1. The city of Salem is hereby authorized, for the purpose of erecting, maintaining and operating a reservoir



for its water supply, to take or acquire by purchase or otherwise, such land or rights therein in the town of Danvers as may be necessary for the purpose; and the said city may also construct, lay out and maintain in the town of Danvers conduits, pipes and such other works as may be deemed necessary for collecting, purifying, storing, discharging, conducting and distributing water to and in the city of Salem, and may also construct, lay out and maintain in the city of Beverly and the town of Peabody pipes for conducting water from said reservoir and works in Danvers to the city of Salem: *provided*, that no conduits or pipes shall be laid in a public way either in the town of Danvers or in the town of Peabody without the consent of the selectmen, or in a public way in the city of Beverly without the consent and approval of the mayor and board of aldermen. Proviso.

SECTION 2. The city of Salem, for the purpose of enlarging its water supply, as described in section one of this act, may incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, in addition to the amount hereunto authorized by law to be issued by the said city, and the same shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of the indebtedness of the city. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Salem Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be signed by the treasurer of the city and countersigned by the mayor; shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue; and shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale on such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds, except premiums, shall be used only for the purposes specified herein. Salem Water  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

SECTION 3. The city shall, at the time of authorizing the said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each issue, as will extinguish each loan within the time prescribed by this act; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. When a vote to the foregoing effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be Payment  
of loan.

Payment of  
loan.

sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works, and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

Description  
of land, to  
be filed.

SECTION 4. Said city, within sixty days after the taking of any lands or any rights therein under the authority of this act, shall file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex, a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the mayor.

Damages, etc.

SECTION 5. Any damage occasioned by the taking of land, or any right therein, or by the doing of any other act authorized hereby, shall be ascertained and recovered as in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways in the city of Salem.

Penalty for  
pollution of  
water, etc.

SECTION 6. Whoever uses any water taken under this act without the consent of the city, or wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any waters taken or held by said city pursuant to the provisions of this act, or destroys or injures any structure or work or any property owned or used by the city of Salem under the authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to said city three times the amount of the damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon the conviction of any person of violation of any of the above provisions, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

[1915, 309, Spec.]

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[1872, 81; 1873, 138; 1885, 363; 1886, 97; 1899, 132; 1910, 461; 1913, 327.]

*Chap.170* AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND  
ENGINEERING IN THE CITY OF FITCHBURG.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Department  
of streets and  
engineering in  
the city of  
Fitchburg,  
established.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the city of Fitchburg a department of streets and engineering, which shall be under the charge of a commissioner who shall also be the city engineer, and who shall be known as the com-

missioner of streets. Said commissioner shall be a civil engineer and shall be a person fitted by education, training and experience efficiently to perform the duties of his office. He shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, to hold office for three years, from the first Monday in the January following the adoption of this act and until his successor is appointed and qualified, and thereafter the term of office of such commissioner and engineer shall be for three years from the first Monday of January in the year of his appointment and until his successor is appointed and qualified. He may be removed by the mayor and board of aldermen. A vacancy may be filled at any time for the unexpired term. Said commissioner and engineer shall devote his whole time to the work of his department, and shall receive such compensation for his services as the city council shall from time to time determine.

Qualifications of commissioner.

Removal and vacancy.

SECTION 2. Said commissioner and engineer shall have the direction, care and supervision of the construction, alteration, maintenance and repair of highways, streets, sidewalks and bridges by the city, and the care, supervision and control of street lighting and of street watering. He shall assign places in the highways or other ways for telegraph, telephone, electric light, or other poles, the erection of which may be authorized by the mayor and board of aldermen. He shall make all necessary and proper arrangements for laying dust and for cleaning streets, and for collecting and disposing of ashes. Said commissioner and engineer may apportion and delegate his various powers and duties to a general superintendent who shall be appointed annually by him. The salary of the general superintendent shall be fixed by the city council, and, unless it is otherwise provided, the commissioner and engineer shall fix the compensation of all other persons employed in his department.

Commissioner and engineer, powers and duties.

General superintendent, appointment, etc.

SECTION 3. At the expiration of the term of the appointment of the board of special sewer commissioners, who now have control of the construction, maintenance and repair of main drains and common sewers of the city, or when the work of the said special commissioners is fully completed, the said commissioner and engineer shall assume, as part of the duties of his department, the construction, maintenance and repair of all main drains and common sewers, and shall exercise supervision and control of all buildings and structures, and all other equipment, owned or used by the city in its system of sewage disposal.

Additional duties, etc.

Construction  
of all public  
work.

SECTION 4. Said commissioner and engineer by himself or his assistants, under his direction, unless otherwise provided, shall take charge of the construction of all public work of the city which comes under his department; shall perform such engineering service, make such examinations, and prepare all such estimates and specifications as may be needed by any department for the discharge of its duty. He shall supervise all repairs on bridges used as highways, which affect the safety of the structure; and when required by the mayor, or by any officer or board in charge of a department, shall measure the work done by contract for the city, and certify to the results of such measurements. He shall make surveys, measurements, levels and estimates, and shall perform all other duties of a civil engineer, laying out and constructing streets, sidewalks, drains, sewers and other public work delegated to, or undertaken by his department, and shall perform any and all such other service within the scope of his department as may be required by the mayor, board of aldermen, city council, or any committee thereof, the city solicitor, or the board having charge of any other department.

May employ  
assistants, etc.

SECTION 5. Said commissioner and engineer may from time to time employ such office or field assistants as he may require in the performance of the duties of his department, and shall determine their compensation; and unless now or hereafter otherwise provided, may expend such sums for labor, materials, implements, appliances and incidental expenses, as may be necessary for the use of his department: *provided*, that all such expenditures for the employment of assistants and for material and other incidentals shall be limited to the amount actually appropriated by the city council for said department.

Proviso.

Contracts.

SECTION 6. All contracts made by said commissioner and engineer for public work or for supplies, or for material, shall be subject to the provisions of the revised ordinances of the year nineteen hundred and six, or the amendments thereof.

To be surveyor  
of highways.

SECTION 7. Said commissioner and engineer shall have and exercise the powers of surveyors of highways in towns, and his powers and duties may at any time be further defined by ordinance of the city council.

Repeal.

SECTION 8. So much of chapter eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and of any acts in addition thereto, or in amendment thereof, and of chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year

eighteen hundred and ninety-nine as may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Fitchburg at the next municipal election in the form of the following question to be printed on the official ballot: — “Shall an act passed by the general court in 1915, providing for the establishment of a department of streets and engineering in the city of Fitchburg, be accepted?” And if a majority of the votes cast thereon are in the affirmative, this act shall take full effect on the first day of January next succeeding such acceptance; otherwise it shall be void.

To be submitted to voters at the next municipal election.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

[1915, 289, Spec.]

[1915, 71, Spec.]

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF WOBURN AND TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER. Chap. 171

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section thirty-two of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by striking out the words “and an assistant engineer”, in clause Eighth, in the twenty-fifth line, so that the said clause will read as follows: — Eighth. A chief engineer of the fire department.

1897, 172, § 32, amended.

SECTION 2. Said section thirty-two is hereby further amended by striking out the last two sentences thereof, beginning with the words “The fire department”, and inserting in place thereof the words: — The fire department shall consist of a chief engineer and of such other officers and members as the city council by ordinance shall from time to time prescribe. The present chief engineer of the fire department shall continue to hold office during the remainder of the term for which he was elected, and in the month of March, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, there shall be appointed by the mayor a chief engineer of the fire department to hold office during good behavior, unless incapacitated through physical or mental disability from performing the duties of his position, or unless removed by the mayor, after written notice and a due hearing, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal; and the office shall become vacant upon

1897, 172, § 32, further amended.

Office of assistant engineer of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg abolished, etc.

the filing with the city clerk of such order of removal and the service of a copy thereof upon said engineer, either personally or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of residence. Any vacancy in the office of chief engineer may be filled from time to time by appointment by the mayor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 12, 1915.*

*Chap.172* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO JAMES F. POWERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of  
Brockton may  
pay a sum of  
money to James  
F. Powers.

SECTION 1. The city of Brockton is hereby authorized, by a vote of its city council, with the approval of the mayor, to pay to James F. Powers the sum of nine hundred dollars, in full compensation for services rendered by him to the city as superintendent of outdoor work in the highway department during the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 12, 1915.*

*Chap.173* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSIONER FOR THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations  
for fire pre-  
vention com-  
missioner,  
metropolitan  
district.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, for salaries and expenses of the fire prevention commissioner for the metropolitan district, for the year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, which amounts are to be assessed upon certain cities and towns in the metropolitan district, as provided for by chapter seven hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to wit:—

Commissioner,  
salary.

For the salary of the commissioner, the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars.

Deputy  
commissioner.

For the salary of the deputy commissioner, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Secretary.

For the salary of the secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Stenographers,  
etc.

For stenographers, clerks and other assistants, twenty-three hundred dollars.

For rents, travelling and other necessary expenses, a sum Rents, etc.  
not exceeding twenty-six hundred and fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

[1903, 216; 1912, 131.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF SHELLFISH IN THE Chap.174  
WATERS ADJOINING THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section three of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "one and three quarters", in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—two, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 3.* No person shall take from their beds in said town, or sell or offer for sale, or have in his possession, any little neck clams or quahaugs measuring less than two inches across the widest part. 1903, 216, § 3, etc., amended.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE Chap.175  
HOMESTEAD COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of thirty-three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the compensation of the members, and for the clerical and other expenses of the homestead commission, during the year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen. Homestead commission, appropriation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW. Chap.176

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, unless otherwise specified, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:— Appropriations, miscellaneous expenses.

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| Repair, etc.,<br>of roads in<br>Mashpee.                                    | For expenses incurred in the construction and repair of roads in the town of Mashpee during the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the sum of three hundred dollars.  |
| Reimburse-<br>ment of certain<br>officials.                                 | For reimbursing certain officials for premiums paid for procuring sureties on their bonds, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.  |
| Medical<br>examiners' fees.   | For medical examiners' fees, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.  |
| Damages by<br>wild deer.  | For the payment of damages caused by wild deer for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.   |
| Small items<br>of expenditure.  | For small items of expenditure for which no appropriations have been made, and for cases in which appropriations have been exhausted or have reverted to the commonwealth in previous years, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the auditor of the commonwealth.                                    |
| Investigation<br>of water power<br>resources.                               | For expenses of an investigation of the water power resources of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter five hundred and sixty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.   |
| Headquarters of<br>Mass. G. A. R.   | For defraying the expenses of the headquarters of the department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, the sum of one thousand dollars.  |
| Commission to<br>recommend<br>changes in laws<br>relative to<br>liens, etc. | For compensation of the members of the commission appointed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to recommend changes in the laws relative to liens, mortgages, tax collectors, deeds, and the taking of land for taxes, the sum of forty-five hundred dollars. |
| William I.<br>Leach.  | For the compensation of William I. Leach, as provided by chapter one hundred and three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.  |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

**Chap. 177 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ENLARGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF NONANTUM SQUARE IN THE CITY OF NEWTON.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| City of Newton<br>may enlarge<br>and improve<br>Nonantum<br>square. | SECTION 1. Authority is hereby given to the city of Newton to enlarge and improve Nonantum square in that |
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city and the streets and ways thereof and adjacent thereto and extending therefrom; and to take all legal proceedings necessary for this purpose, and to lay out, widen and relocate any of said streets or ways, and to take any steps necessary therefor, and for the safety and convenience of the public and the regulation of traffic therein by any legal method whatsoever.

SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid, so far as is authorized by law, said city may take or acquire by purchase or otherwise, on the northerly side of said Nonantum square, more land and property than is needed for the actual construction of said highways and streets, to wit: the parcel of land bounded northwesterly by Centre street, northeasterly by Washington street, southerly by the northerly side line of the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, Lessee; and after so much of said land has been appropriated for such highways and streets as is needed therefor, may sell the remainder for value, with or without suitable restrictions, all in accordance with the provisions of Article XXXIX of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth.

May acquire  
certain land.

SECTION 3. The city is further authorized to take or acquire by purchase or otherwise a strip of land, or such easement therein as may be necessary or convenient for carrying out the purposes of this act, the said strip of land to extend along the easterly and northeasterly line of Centre street and Washington street between Jefferson street and Herman terrace for such distance as may be necessary or convenient for carrying out the provisions of this act, and to be not more than twelve feet in width from the present line of the said streets. The city shall have the right to remove the whole or any part of the buildings upon the land so taken or in which an easement is taken, and may make necessary alterations in any buildings upon the land taken or upon the remaining land of the owners thereof.

May purchase  
certain strip  
of land.

SECTION 4. Any person suffering damage by any taking of his property or by any other act hereunder shall be entitled to recover the same in the manner prescribed by law for the recovery of damages in the case of land taken for streets and ways in the said city.

Damages.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

[1897, 347.]

*Chap.178* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO LEASE OR  
SELL CERTAIN LAND BETWEEN HAVERHILL AND CANAL  
STREETS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may lease or  
sell certain  
land, etc.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to lease or sell the whole or any part of the land between Haverhill and Canal streets, transferred to the city by the Boston transit commission, as provided by chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of section one of said chapter three hundred and forty-seven as requires said land to be used for a market or other public purpose is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 18, 1915.*

*Chap.179* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EX-  
PENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND FOR SUNDRY OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
educational  
expenses.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses, to be expended with the approval of the board of education, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Commissioner,  
deputies, etc.,  
salaries.

For the salaries of the commissioner, deputy commissioners, assistants, agents, and for clerical and messenger services of said board, a sum not exceeding forty-eight thousand four hundred and eighty dollars.

Travelling  
expenses.

For travelling expenses of the commissioner, deputies, agents and assistants, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Rent of office.

For rent of office for use of the board of education, a sum not exceeding forty-four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

Incidental  
expenses, etc.

For incidental expenses of the board, travelling and other necessary expenses of the members thereof, and for obtaining information regarding educational methods in other states, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

Printing and  
binding.

For printing and binding the annual reports and bulletins, a sum not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars.

For furnishing school committees with rules for testing the sight and hearing of pupils, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

Rules of testing sight and hearing.

For school registers and other school blanks for cities and towns, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

School registers, etc.

To enable small towns to provide themselves with school superintendents, a sum not exceeding eighty-one thousand dollars.

Superintendents for small towns.

For the payment of tuition of children in high schools outside of the town in which they live, as provided by section three of chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding seventy-nine thousand six hundred and ten dollars.

Tuition of certain children.

For the payment of transportation of high school pupils to outside high schools in certain cases, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand dollars.

Transportation of certain pupils.

For training teachers for vocational schools, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Training teachers.

For aid to pupils in state normal schools, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars, payable in semi-annual instalments, to be expended under the direction of the board of education.

Aid to normal school pupils.

For expenses of teachers' institutes, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Teachers' institutes.

For the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, the sum of three hundred dollars, subject to the approval of the board of education.

Massachusetts Teachers' Association.

For expenses of county teachers' associations, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars.

County teachers' associations.

To provide for the instruction of the adult blind at their homes by the Perkins Institution and the Massachusetts School for the Blind, the sum of five thousand dollars.

Instruction of adult blind.

For the education of deaf pupils of the commonwealth in the schools designated by law, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Education of deaf pupils.

For the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, as provided by chapter nineteen of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the sum of thirty thousand dollars.

Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind.

For salaries and necessary expenses of state normal schools, the following sums: —

State normal schools.

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| Bridgewater.       | Bridgewater, a sum not exceeding sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-six dollars.   |
| Fitchburg.         | Fitchburg, a sum not exceeding fifty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars, in addition to certain sums received from the city of Fitchburg. |
| Framingham.        | Framingham, a sum not exceeding fifty-six thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars.   |
| Hyannis.           | Hyannis, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty dollars.   |
| Lowell.            | Lowell, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars, in addition to certain sums received from the city of Lowell.        |
| North Adams.       | North Adams, a sum not exceeding forty-two thousand three hundred and one dollars.   |
| Salem.             | Salem, a sum not exceeding forty-nine thousand nine hundred and twelve dollars, in addition to certain sums received from the city of Salem.               |
| Westfield.         | Westfield, a sum not exceeding thirty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-four dollars.   |
| Worcester.         | Worcester, a sum not exceeding thirty-nine thousand six hundred and ten dollars.   |
| Normal art school. | Normal art school, a sum not exceeding fifty-one thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars.   |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 18, 1915.*

[1852, 94; 1902, 134; 1909, 244.]

*Chap. 180* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROMOTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| Promotion of certain members of the police department of the city of Springfield. | SECTION 1. The mayor and aldermen of the city of Springfield are hereby authorized to appoint without further civil service examination the police patrol drivers and the clerk of the police department now employed in said capacities by the city, as regular members of the police department with the same standing as regular patrolmen in said department. |
| Powers and duties may be delegated.   | SECTION 2. The powers and duties conferred and imposed by section one of this act upon the mayor and aldermen may be exercised and performed by the city council in such manner as it may prescribe, and wholly or in part through the agency of any persons acting as a board whom   |

it may designate and with such limitations of power as it may by ordinance determine.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 18, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS. *Chap.181*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the suppression of the gypsy and brown tail moths and for expenses incidental thereto, as authorized by chapter four hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, the same to be in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Suppression  
of the gypsy  
and brown  
tail moths.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 18, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE STATE FORESTER. *Chap.182*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the state forester's department, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

Appropriations,  
state forester.

For the salary of the state forester, five thousand dollars.

State forester,  
salary.

For clerical assistance and incidental and contingent expenses, and for establishing forest tree nurseries, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Clerical  
assistance.

For the purchase of land for reforestation, ten thousand dollars.

Land for  
reforestation.

To provide for the better prevention of forest fires, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Prevention of  
forest fires.

For aiding towns in preventing or extinguishing forest fires and in making protective belts or zones as a defence against forest fires, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Aiding towns  
in preventing  
fires, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 18, 1915.*

Chap.183 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

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| Appropriations, Massachusetts highway commission. | SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the Massachusetts highway commission, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —  |
| Commissioners, salaries.                          | For the salaries of the commissioners, the sum of thirteen thousand dollars.   |
| Engineers, clerks, etc.                           | For the salaries of the engineers, clerks and assistants, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.   |
| Travelling expenses, etc.                         | For travelling and other expenses of the commission, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars.  |
| Rent of offices.                                  | For rent of offices, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.   |
| Postage, printing, etc.                           | For postage, printing and other necessary office expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.  |
| Care of machinery, etc.                           | For care and repair of machinery and tools, including storage, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.   |
| Suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, etc.   | For the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths and other insect pests which threaten the trees on state highways, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.   |
| Certain highway in Truro.                         | For the repair of a certain highway in the town of Truro, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.  |
| Maintenance of state highways.                    | For the maintenance of state highways, for the present year and previous years, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to the amount authorized to be expended out of the Motor Vehicle Fees Fund, as authorized by section thirty of chapter five hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine. |
| Newburyport and Brightman street bridges.         | For the maintenance and operation of the Newburyport bridge and the Brightman street bridge in Fall River, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand five hundred dollars.  |
| Widening state highways, etc.                     | For widening and reconstructing existing state highways, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.   |
|   | SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  |
|   | Approved March 18, 1915.   |

[1894, 548; 1897, 347, 500; 1902, 114, 534; 1903, 190; 1905, 187; 1911, 741; 1913, 667.]

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE TOLLS FOR THE USE OF THE EAST *Chap. 184*  
BOSTON TUNNEL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The mayor and city council of the city of Boston shall appropriate annually until the tenth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, from the tax levy a sum which, together with the rental received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the lease of the East Boston tunnel, shall be sufficient to meet the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the bonds issued to pay for the construction of said tunnel. The sum necessary to be appropriated in each year from taxes for this purpose shall be determined by the sinking funds commissioners of said city, and shall be at least equal to the net amount of tolls collected in the preceding year. The amount so determined by the sinking funds commissioners to be necessary shall be certified by them to the mayor, who shall include said amount in the annual budget or in a supplemental budget, and said amount shall not be reduced by the mayor or the city council. Upon the making of such an appropriation, the amount appropriated shall be paid to the sinking funds commissioners and shall be held by them, together with said rental received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, to meet the principal and interest payments on the bonds issued for the construction of said tunnel. Upon such payment, the mayor shall issue an order in writing to the Boston Elevated Railway Company requiring that the collection of tolls for the use of said tunnel shall cease for a period of one year from the date when said appropriation is paid over to the sinking funds commissioners, and after the receipt of such order by said company no tolls shall be collected for the use of said tunnel for that year.

Tolls for the use of the East Boston tunnel abolished.

SECTION 2. The taxes assessed on property in the city of Boston, as provided by section fifty-three of Part I of chapter four hundred and ninety of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by section one of chapter five hundred and twenty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, shall not exceed ten dollars and sixty cents instead of ten dollars and fifty-five cents as provided by said chapter five hundred and twenty-one.

Amount of taxes.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. Chapter six hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby repealed.

Enforcement of provisions.

SECTION 4. Any court having jurisdiction in equity, or any justice thereof, shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act.

Damages.

SECTION 5. Any bondholder whose property is injured by the abolition of the East Boston tunnel tolls under this act, and who cannot agree with the city treasurer and the mayor as to the damages so sustained, may have the same determined by a jury in the superior court for the county of Suffolk on petition against the city of Boston filed in the office of the clerk of said court within one year after the passage of this act, and judgment shall be entered upon the determination of the jury, and costs shall be taxed and execution issued as in civil cases. The treasurer of the city, or the sinking funds commissioners may agree with any bondholder for the purchase and redemption, out of any funds available for the reduction of the city debt, of any bonds held by the bondholder.

To be submitted to city council, etc.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on the thirty-first day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, provided that it is accepted prior to that date by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston.

*Approved March 19, 1915.*

[1915, 324, Spec.]

[1908, 369.]

Chap.185

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF READING TO BORROW MONEY TO EXTEND ITS LIGHTING PLANT IN CERTAIN TERRITORY WITHOUT THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Reading may borrow money to extend its lighting plants without the town limits.

SECTION 1. The town of Reading may incur debt within the limit of indebtedness prescribed in chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, for the purposes of extending or enlarging its electric lighting plant within the limits of the territory within which the town of Reading was authorized to distribute electricity for light, heat and power by the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight; said territory comprising the towns of North Reading, Wilmington and that part of the town of Lynnfield known as Lynnfield Centre. The indebtedness



incurred hereunder shall be payable within twenty years after the same is incurred.

SECTION 2. The authority granted by this act shall be exercised strictly in accordance with the provisions of chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and of the amendments thereof and additions thereto, except as such provisions may be inconsistent with the provisions of section one of this act. Authority limited.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 20, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS TO ERECT  
A HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND TO BORROW MONEY THERE-  
FOR. Chap. 186

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of constructing and equipping a high school and of procuring land therefor, the city of North Adams is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, outside of the statutory limit of indebtedness, and to issue notes or bonds therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, North Adams High School Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified. North Adams High School Loan, Act of 1915.

SECTION 2. The said city shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the said bonds or notes, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required by this act shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter in the same Payment of loan.

manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 20, 1915.*

*Chap.187* AN ACT TO RATIFY THE VOTE OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH TO REMODEL ITS TOWN HALL AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREFOR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Vote of the town of Falmouth to remodel its town hall, etc., ratified.

SECTION 1. The action taken and the votes passed by the town of Falmouth at its annual town meeting on the seventeenth day of February in the current year, appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of remodeling its town hall, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and the said town is hereby authorized to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars from the taxes of the current year, and to issue its negotiable notes or its bonds for the purposes specified in said votes to the amount of seventy-five hundred dollars, bearing interest and payable in sums of twenty-five hundred dollars in the years nineteen hundred and seventeen, nineteen hundred and eighteen and nineteen hundred and nineteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

*Chap.188* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS TO THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKWAY OR BOULEVARD IN SAID TOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Arlington may convey certain lands to the metropolitan park commission, etc.

SECTION 1. The park commissioners and cemetery commissioners of the town of Arlington are hereby authorized on behalf of the town to convey to the commonwealth, through its board of metropolitan park commissioners, free of cost to the commonwealth, so much of the land of said town controlled, respectively, by said park and said cemetery commissioners as the metropolitan park commission may deem necessary for the construction and maintenance of a parkway or boulevard from Medford street to Mystic street, on or near lower Mystic lake in said town, and also to release to the commonwealth free of cost any claims of said town for damages by reason of any taking of said lands by the metropolitan park commission for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. The metropolitan park commission is also authorized to acquire so much of said lands as may be deemed necessary for said parkway or boulevard purposes from said town by purchase, gift or right of eminent domain and to construct and maintain therein a parkway or boulevard and, in addition to any funds now or hereafter provided for the purpose, to expend such sums as said commission may deem available: *provided, however,* that no expenditure for construction or maintenance shall be made by the metropolitan park commission until the title to said lands has been conveyed to the commonwealth by the town of Arlington without any expense to the commonwealth.

May construct  
parkway, etc.

Proviso.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

[1875, 241; 1877, 53; 1886, 33; 1889, 297; 1890, 355, 405; 1895, 408; 1896, 293; 1897, 442; 1898, 149, 174, 400; 1899, 239, 362; 1900, 235; 1901, 288, 448, 473; 1902, 386; 1903, 170; 1904, 376; 1905, 349, 392; 1906, 205, 231, 259, 318; 1907, 295, 357, 450; 1908, 589; 1909, 120, 388, 446; 1911, 708; 1912, 195; 1913, 337, 363, 389; 1914, 128, 274, 489.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONDUCT COURSES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHERS. *Chap. 189*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Boston may conduct courses for the improvement of teachers or others in its service, or for the training and qualification of persons who are or may become candidates for positions as teachers in special schools or subjects. The committee may employ such persons as it deems expedient in connection with the said courses, and may fix their compensation.

School committee of Boston may conduct courses for the improvement of teachers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

[1915, 300, Spec.]

[1906, 189; 1907, 248; 1908, 225; 1911, 167.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF BEDS FOR TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. *Chap. 190*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "sixteen", in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—

1908, 225, § 1,  
etc., amended.

City of Boston  
may hire beds  
for tuberculous  
patients.

eighteen, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The trustees of the new hospital for consumptives in the city of Boston are hereby authorized to hire beds in private hospitals for the use of needy tuberculous patients who are residents of said city, until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eighteen; but the said beds shall not exceed one hundred in number, and the price paid therefor shall not exceed eight dollars a week for each bed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 22, 1915.*

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*Chap.191* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING OF A CROSSING, ROADWAY AND FORD OVER AND IN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER TO ELWELL'S ISLAND BETWEEN NORTHAMPTON AND HADLEY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Crossing,  
roadway and  
ford may be  
built over and  
in the Con-  
necticut river  
to Elwell's  
island, etc.

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to build a crossing, roadway and ford from the Northampton bank of the Connecticut river to an island in the river known as Elwell's island, at an elevation not exceeding the elevation authorized by a permit granted by the board of harbor and land commissioners to Frank R. Elwell, dated the twenty-second day of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen, for a crossing from said bank to the northerly end of said island, to be built at a location not more than one thousand feet northerly from the highway bridge leading from the Northampton bank to the Hadley bank of the river, subject to the approval, and removable at the order of said board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 22, 1915.*

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*Chap.192* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
retirement  
system for  
public school  
teachers.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the payment of salaries and expenses in connection with the retirement system for public school teachers, for the year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as provided by chapter eight hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, to wit: —

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| For the salary of the secretary of the teachers' retirement association, the sum of two thousand dollars.    | Secretary, salary.        |
| For stenographer, clerical and other assistance, a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred and seventy dollars. | Clerical assistance, etc. |
| For rent of rooms, a sum not exceeding five hundred and forty dollars.                                       | Rent of rooms.            |
| For sundry contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred and sixty dollars.                    | Contingent expenses.      |
| For the payment of pensions as provided by said act, a sum not exceeding sixty-three thousand dollars.       | Payment of pensions.      |
| SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  |                           |
| <i>Approved March 22, 1915.</i>  |                           |

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND FOR SUNDRY MILITARY EXPENSES. Chap. 193

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses in the department of the adjutant general and for sundry military expenses, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — | Appropriations, adjutant general's department. |
| For the salary of the adjutant-general, thirty-six hundred dollars.  | Adjutant general.                              |
| For the salary of the assistant adjutant general, eighteen hundred dollars.  | Assistant adjutant general.                    |
| For the salary of a chief clerk, twenty-two hundred dollars.   | Chief clerk.                                   |
| For the salary of a second clerk, two thousand dollars.  | Second clerk.                                  |
| For additional clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand one hundred dollars.   | Clerical assistance.                           |
| For incidental and contingent office expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars.   | Contingent expenses, etc.                      |
| For expenses in connection with military accounts not otherwise provided for, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.  | Military accounts.                             |
| For the payment of claims for the death of or injuries to horses used by the militia, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.  | Claims for injuries to horses, etc.            |
| For premiums on bonds for the officers of the militia, a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars.   | Premiums on bonds.                             |
| For the maintenance of horses for the militia, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.   | Maintenance of horses.                         |

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| Instruction in military authority, etc. | For instruction in military authority, organization and administration and in the elements of military art, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.  |
| Compensation of officers and men.       | For compensation of officers and men of the volunteer militia, including expenses at hotels and for subsistence as authorized by general or special orders, a sum not exceeding two hundred and twelve thousand dollars. Of this amount a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars may be expended in connection with military maneuvers. |
| Transportation.                         | For the transportation of officers and men of the volunteer militia, when on military duty, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.   |
| Rifle practice.                         | For expenses in connection with the rifle practice of the militia, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars.   |
| Purchase of uniforms.                   | For an allowance to commissioned officers of the volunteer militia toward the purchase of uniforms, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars.  |
| Care of property, etc.                  | For allowance to officers of the volunteer militia for the care and responsibility of property, a sum not exceeding sixty-six hundred dollars.  |
| Company armorers.                       | For services of company armorers, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.  |
| Instruction in riding.                  | For giving instruction in riding to non-commissioned officers and others who are required by law to be mounted, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.  |
| Allowance to headquarters, etc.         | For allowance to headquarters and companies, a sum not exceeding thirty-nine hundred and thirty-five dollars.   |
| Repair of clothing.                     | For allowance and repair of clothing of the volunteer militia, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.  |
| Care of United States ship, etc.        | For furnishing, repair and care of any United States ship loaned to the commonwealth for the use of the naval militia, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand dollars.   |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

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[1908, 628.]

**Chap. 194** AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SURRENDER, CANCELLATION AND EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN BONDS OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| Surrender, cancellation and exchange of certain bonds | SECTION 1. Registered and coupon bonds issued by the city of Chelsea under the provisions of chapter six hundred |
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and twenty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight may be exchanged, upon presentation to the city treasurer, for new bonds signed by the treasurer of the city, and countersigned by the city auditor and the mayor, or by their successors in the executive board of said city. Said new bonds so issued, upon the surrender of bonds issued under the said act, shall be binding on the city as fully as the bonds originally issued under said act. Any bond issued under this act for a bond surrendered shall mature at the date of maturity fixed in the bond surrendered. Bonds issued under the provisions of this act may be surrendered in exchange for new bonds, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

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[1855, 435; 1866, 200; 1869, 351; 1870, 321; 1873, 67; 1890, 172; 1893, 412; 1902, 339, 404; 1905, 379, 416, 433; 1906, 119; 1910, 442; 1913, 271.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LOWELL TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING AND PURIFYING ITS WATER SUPPLY.

*Chap. 195*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of procuring additional water supply, and of improving its storage, filtration, and distribution facilities, the city of Lowell is hereby authorized to borrow from time to time, outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to an amount not exceeding two hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, and to issue therefor bonds or notes. Such bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof, Lowell Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years from its date; and the amount of the annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The proceeds of any such sale, except premiums, shall be used only for the

in the city  
of Chelsea.

City of Lowell  
may borrow  
money to  
increase its  
water supply,  
etc.

Lowell  
Water Loan,  
Act of 1915.

Proviso.

purposes herein specified: *provided, however*, that, of the sum authorized to be borrowed pursuant to the provisions of this act, an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars shall be used and applied to the payment, cancellation, and discharge of a certain temporary loan duly and legally issued on August twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of certain bonds authorized to be issued for water department equipment.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 2. The said city shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed a sum, which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the city, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 22, 1915.*

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*Chap.196* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SALEM WHO MAY BE RESIDING ELSEWHERE TEMPORARILY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Rights of citizens of Salem who may be residing elsewhere temporarily.

SECTION 1. Any citizen of Salem who was liable to assessment by reason of his residence therein on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fourteen, but who is temporarily residing in another city or town because of the destruction of his home in Salem by fire on the twenty-fifth or twenty-sixth day of June, nineteen hundred and fourteen, may continue to be assessed in Salem at his place of residence on said first day of April, and, if otherwise qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and duly registered as a voter of Salem, may vote in any election held in said city until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen, unless he has changed his legal domicile to some other city or town.



SECTION 2. The assessors of the city of Salem shall assess all such persons who have not changed their domicile to another city or town in the same manner and to the same extent as if they were residing in Salem, and no such person shall be assessed a tax by any other city or town by reason of his temporary residence therein as aforesaid, if he is duly assessed in Salem under the provisions of this act. Duties of assessors.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 22, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO RETIRE Chap. 197  
ARTHUR H. JONES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The city of New Bedford, by vote of its city council, with the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to retire from active service, at one half the annual rate of compensation payable to him at the time of his retirement, to be paid out of the treasury of the city, Arthur H. Jones, a captain of the police department of the said city who is incapacitated for active duty: *provided, however,* that the said compensation shall cease whenever the said Arthur H. Jones becomes physically able to engage in any occupation which will gain him a livelihood. City of New Bedford may retire Arthur H. Jones.

Proviso.

*Approved March 23, 1915.*

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BARNSTABLE SOUTH FIRE AND Chap. 198  
WATER DISTRICT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of Barnstable liable to taxation in that town and residing within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at the junction of the centre line of the creek joining Squaw island and Nantucket sound, and running in a direction nearly due east, by the centre line of said creek to a turn in the creek northeast of Squaw island; thence running by the line of said creek to its junction with Shore road; thence running in a northwesterly direction to the centre line of Herring brook at its junction with Wequaquet lake; thence running in a southwesterly direction to the junction of roads at the southwest corner of Oak Grove cemetery in Centerville; thence running to a point on the centre line of a road and distant eleven hundred feet from the centre line of the county road measured by the centre line of said road, Barnstable South Fire and Water District, established.

Barnstable  
South Fire and  
Water District,  
established.

which road branches from the county road at a distance of seventy-eight hundred and twenty-seven feet from the junction of Shore road from Craigville with said county road in the village of Centerville, and runs in a northeasterly direction between two ponds and is bounded by the estate of C. H. Lovell and Highaho farm; thence running due west to the shore of Great bay; thence running by the shore of Great bay to Nantucket sound; thence running by the shore of Nantucket sound to the point of beginning, — shall constitute a fire and water district, and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of Barnstable South Fire and Water District; and said corporation, except as herein otherwise provided, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force relating to fire and water districts.

May make  
contracts.

SECTION 2. The said district may make contracts for the purchase of engines and other apparatus and articles necessary for the extinguishment of fires, for hydrant and water service, for lighting of streets or public places, and for any other thing or things that may lawfully be done by said district.

May raise  
money by  
taxation.

SECTION 3. Said district may, at meetings called for the purpose, raise money by taxation for any of the purposes for which fire districts may, under general laws now or hereafter in force, raise money, and for all other purposes necessary or proper under the provisions of this act.

First meeting.

SECTION 4. The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of five or more legal voters therein, by warrant from the selectmen of the town of Barnstable, or from a justice of the peace directed to one of the petitioners, requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of said warrant in two or more public places in said district seven days at least before the time of the meeting. One of the petitioners shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. The meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles contained in the warrant.

To be sub-  
mitted to  
voters at any  
legal meeting.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of the district present and voting thereon at any legal meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage, but the number of meetings so called in any one year shall not exceed three; and for the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 23, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND  
EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS AND  
FOR SUNDRY REFORMATORY EXPENSES. Chap. 199

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the board of prison commissioners, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

For the salary of the chairman of the board, four thousand dollars. Appropriations,  
board of prison  
commissioners.  
  
Chairman,  
salary.

For the salary of the deputy commissioner of prisons, twenty-five hundred dollars. Deputy  
commissioner.

For the salary of the secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars. Secretary.

For clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding sixty-three hundred and eighty dollars. Clerical  
assistance.

For the salaries of agents, eighty-six hundred dollars. Agents.

For travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars. Travelling  
expenses.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars. Contingent  
expenses, etc.

For expenses incurred in removing prisoners to and from state and county prisons, a sum not exceeding twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars. Removing  
prisoners.

For expenses in connection with the identification of criminals, a sum not exceeding three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Identification  
of criminals.

For the salary of the agent for aiding discharged female prisoners, twelve hundred dollars. Agent for  
aiding  
discharged  
prisoners.

For assistance to prisoners discharged from the state prison, Massachusetts reformatory, prison camp and hospital, and to discharged female prisoners, a sum not exceeding ten thousand five hundred dollars. Assistance to  
prisoners.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 23, 1915.*

*Chap.200* AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS OF THE TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Certain acts  
of the town of  
West Newbury  
confirmed.

SECTION 1. The acts and proceedings of the town of West Newbury at the annual town meeting in the current year are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if the election of the moderator of the meeting and the other proceedings had been in strict compliance with law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 23, 1915.*

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*Chap.201* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Norfolk state  
hospital,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid for the maintenance of the Norfolk state hospital, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of seven hundred sixty-two dollars and forty-five cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred seventeen thousand one hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap.202* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Massachusetts  
School for the  
Feeble-Minded,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid for the maintenance of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said school now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of nineteen thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and twenty-six cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary

revenue, a sum not exceeding two hundred ninety-one thousand fifty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents.

For the city of Waltham, for the annual assessment due from the commonwealth toward maintaining and operating a system of sewage disposal at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, the sum of eight hundred twenty dollars and eighty-nine cents, as provided by section three of chapter eighty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

City of  
Waltham, for  
certain assess-  
ment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKEVILLE STATE SANATORIUM. *Chap.203*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Lakeville state sanatorium, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Lakeville state  
sanatorium,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said sanatorium now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of twenty-five thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding eighty-nine thousand forty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RUTLAND STATE SANATORIUM. *Chap.204*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Rutland state sanatorium, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Rutland state  
sanatorium,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said sanatorium now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of forty-three thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars and forty-nine cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred forty-nine thousand seven hundred seven dollars and fifty-one cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

*Chap.205* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE GARDNER STATE COLONY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Gardner  
state colony,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Gardner state colony, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said colony now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars and sixty-four cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred sixty thousand two hundred ninety-nine dollars and thirty-six cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap.206* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE NORTH READING STATE SANATORIUM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

North  
Reading state  
sanatorium,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the North Reading state sanatorium, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said sanatorium now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of twenty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-six dollars and eight cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding sixty-eight thousand nine hundred forty-five dollars and forty-two cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap.207* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE FOXBOROUGH STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Foxborough  
state hospital,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Foxborough state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of five thousand three hundred thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred three thousand two hundred dollars and thirty-seven cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF Chap.208  
THE WESTBOROUGH STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Westborough state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Westborough  
state hospital,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, eighty-two thousand nine hundred thirty-seven dollars and ninety-nine cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding two hundred fifty-four thousand five hundred twelve dollars and one cent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF Chap.209  
THE WESTFIELD STATE SANATORIUM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Westfield state sanatorium, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Westfield state  
sanatorium,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said sanatorium now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of twenty-six thousand three hundred twelve dollars and thirty-six cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding ninety-six thousand nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and sixty-four cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

*Chap.210* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL SCHOOL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Massachusetts  
hospital school,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Massachusetts hospital school, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

From the receipts of said school now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of forty thousand three hundred eighty dollars and forty-nine cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding forty-one thousand nine hundred one dollars and fifty-one cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap.211* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE WORCESTER STATE ASYLUM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Worcester  
state asylum,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Worcester state asylum, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

From the receipts of said asylum now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of ten thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars and eighty-three cents, and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding three hundred forty-nine thousand three hundred forty-four dollars and seventeen cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap.212* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE STATE FARM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

State farm,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding three hundred fifty-nine thousand six hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the state farm.



during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE *Chap.213*  
OF THE PENIKESE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the Penikese hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Penikese  
hospital,  
maintenance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

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[1915, 144, Spec.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SHELLFISH COMMISSIONERS FOR *Chap.214*  
THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN  
TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF MOLLUSKS FOR  
BAIT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The shellfish commissioners for the city of New Bedford and the town of Fairhaven, established under the provisions of chapter four hundred and eleven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, are hereby authorized to issue permits for the taking of mollusks measuring not less than two and three quarters inches across the widest part, for bait only, from waters under the jurisdiction of said commissioners, and to fix the fees therefor. Persons to whom permits are granted under the authority of this act shall not be required to sell or otherwise dispose of mollusks taken under such permits to the holder of a second class license, as provided by said chapter four hundred and eleven. The holders of such permits are, however, hereby prohibited from using, selling or disposing of the mollusks taken under such permits for any other purpose than as bait for fishing.

Permits may  
be issued for  
the taking of  
mollusks for  
bait.

SECTION 2. The holder of any permit granted under the authority of this act who sells or otherwise disposes of mollusks taken under such permit, or who uses or permits

Penalty.

Penalty. to be used any of such mollusks for any other purpose than as bait for fishing, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or to both such fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto shall forfeit any permit held by him hereunder for one year from the date of conviction of such violation.

Restrictions. SECTION 3. Said permits shall not be transferable, and they may be revoked by said board at any time. The holder of any such permit shall at all times produce his permit for examination upon demand or request of any person authorized to enforce the provisions of said chapter four hundred and eleven, or of any commissioner on fisheries and game, or of a fish and game warden, or on demand of any sheriff, constable, police officer or other officer authorized to arrest for crime. Failure to produce the permit upon such demand shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

[1915, 215, Spec.]

[1915, 214, Spec.]

*Chap. 215* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SIZE OF MOLLUSKS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN FROM WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Size of mollusks which may be taken from certain waters.

SECTION 1. The board of shellfish commissioners for the city of New Bedford and the town of Fairhaven, established under the provisions of chapter four hundred and eleven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby authorized to make regulations as to the size of mollusks which may be taken from the waters under the jurisdiction of said commission: *provided, however*, that before any regulations made under the authority of this act become operative, they shall be approved by the commissioners on fisheries and game.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 24, 1915.*

AN ACT TO PLACE THE MANAGER OF THE GAS AND ELECTRIC  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE UNDER THE CIVIL  
SERVICE LAWS. *Chap. 216*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The manager of the gas and electric department in the city of Holyoke shall hereafter be placed under the civil service laws and regulations, and his term of office shall be permanent, except that he may be removed in accordance with the civil service laws and the regulations made thereunder; but the person now holding said office may continue therein without passing the civil service examination.

Manager of  
Holyoke gas  
and electric  
department  
placed under  
civil service  
laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Holyoke at the annual state election in the current year, and shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting thereon; otherwise it shall not take effect.

Time of  
taking effect.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL. *Chap. 217*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Taunton state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Taunton state  
hospital,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of thirty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty dollars and seventy-four cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding two hundred seventy-nine thousand sixty-nine dollars and twenty-six cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

[1871, 182; 1874, 189, 353; 1879, 146; 1885, 61; 1890, 217; 1895, 197; 1897, 209; 1899, 240; 1912, 453.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFYING OF THE MAYOR AND  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE. *Chap. 218*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and forty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine is hereby

1899, 240, § 12,  
amended.

Time of  
qualifying of  
the mayor and  
aldermen of  
Somerville.

amended by striking out section twelve and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 12.* The mayor-elect and aldermen-elect shall annually on the first Monday of January meet and be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties. The oath shall be administered by the city clerk or by any justice of the peace, and shall be duly certified on the journal of the board of aldermen. At any time thereafter the oath may be administered to the mayor-elect or to any alderman-elect who was absent or who was not then elected.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

**Chap.219** AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTH CITY HAY SCALES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON WITHIN THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Superintendent  
of the north  
city hay scales  
of Boston in-  
cluded within  
the civil service.

SECTION 1. The civil service commission may prepare rules, which shall take effect when approved by the governor and council in the manner prescribed by law, for the purpose of including within the classified civil service the superintendent of the north city hay scales of the city of Boston.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

**Chap.220** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LOWELL TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE MOTHER OF JOHN J. KENNEY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Lowell  
may pay a sum  
of money to the  
mother of John  
J. Kenney.

SECTION 1. The city of Lowell, acting by the mayor and city council, is hereby authorized to pay to the mother of John J. Kenney, a minor, who was seriously injured by an accident while attending the industrial school in the said city, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars. This amount shall be paid as follows:— One third in the current year and one third in each of the two succeeding years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

**Chap.221** AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WORCESTER STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Worcester state  
hospital,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Worcester state hospital,

for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of fifty-eight thousand one hundred thirty-four dollars and thirteen cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding three hundred nine thousand one hundred fifteen dollars and eighty-seven cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF Chap.222  
THE NORTHAMPTON STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Northampton state hospital, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Northampton  
state hospital,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of fifty-one thousand five hundred eighty-four dollars and forty-four cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty-six thousand two hundred fifteen dollars and fifty-six cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF Chap.223  
THE WRENTHAM STATE SCHOOL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Wrentham state school, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Wrentham  
state school,  
maintenance.

From the receipts of said school now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of one thousand three hundred eleven dollars and fifty-two cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred sixty-four thousand seven hundred five dollars and forty-eight cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

*Chap.224* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE STATE PRISON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

State prison,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the state prison, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

*Chap.225* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Reformatory  
for women,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding ninety-five thousand one hundred and twelve dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the reformatory for women, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

For the town of Framingham, toward the annual expense of maintaining the system of sewage disposal at said reformatory, the sum of six hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

*Chap.226* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE DANVERS STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Danvers  
state hospital,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Danvers state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of sixty-one thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and seventy cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding three hundred ten thousand eighteen dollars and thirty cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF *Chap.227*  
THE MONSON STATE HOSPITAL,

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid for the maintenance of the Monson state hospital, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Monson state hospital, maintenance.

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of thirteen thousand six hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy-one cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding two hundred thirty-six thousand two hundred eighty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF *Chap.228*  
THE MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid for the maintenance of the Medfield state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Medfield state hospital, maintenance.

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of twelve thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars and fourteen cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding three hundred eighty-nine thousand four hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-six cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 27, 1915.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ACTION OF THE SELECTMEN OF *Chap.229*  
SOUTH HADLEY IN ANNULING CERTAIN PERMITS AND  
FRANCHISES GRANTED TO THE CHICOPEE GAS LIGHT COM-  
PANY AND GRANTING OTHERS TO THE SPRINGFIELD GAS  
LIGHT COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The action of the selectmen of the town of South Hadley in passing an order under date of July fourteenth, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, which Certain action of the selectmen of South Hadley confirmed.

Certain action of the selectmen of South Hadley confirmed.

annulled and superseded an order of the selectmen of said town passed under date of January second, in the year nineteen hundred and six, granting to the Chicopee Gas Light Company, its successors and assigns, the right and privilege to dig up and open the ground and lay and maintain pipes and suitable appliances for the distribution of gas in certain streets in that part of the town of South Hadley called South Hadley Falls, and also annulled and superseded the agreement and bond mentioned in said order of January second, which agreement and bond are dated March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and six, and in addition the consent of said selectmen was granted to the Springfield Gas Light Company, the successor of the said Chicopee Gas Light Company, and its successors and assigns, to dig up and open the ground and lay and maintain pipes and suitable appliances for the distribution of gas in the several streets, lanes and highways in the town of South Hadley therein named, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 27, 1915.*

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[1914, 680; 1915, 65, Spec.]

*Chap.230* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANT ASSESSORS IN THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1914, 680, § 31, amended.

SECTION 1. Section thirty-one of chapter six hundred and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the second paragraph thereof the words: — and three or more assistant assessors who shall be appointed by the board of assessors and whose compensation shall be fixed by the said board, with the approval of the municipal council, — so that the first and second paragraphs of the said section will read as follows: — There shall be the following departments and offices in the city of Attleboro: —

Assistant assessors for the city of Attleboro.

(1) The assessing department, to be under the charge of the board of assessors and three or more assistant assessors who shall be appointed by the board of assessors and whose compensation shall be fixed by the said board, with the approval of the municipal council.

To be submitted to the city council, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the municipal council of the city of Attleboro, with the approval of the mayor. *Approved March 29, 1915.*

[ Accepted April 6, 1915.] [1915, 252, Spec.]



[1906, 513; 1907, 486, 572; 1913, 640; 1914, 749.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUING OF CERTAIN NOTES OR Chap.231  
BONDS BY THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section one of chapter seven hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — So much of section four of said chapter four hundred and eighty-six as is included and expressed by the words “Such notes or bonds shall be issued upon the condition that the city may pay or redeem the same at any time after five years from the date of issue”, shall not be applicable to the authorization to borrow the additional sum of three hundred thousand dollars as is provided herein, — so as to read as follows: —

*Section 1.* For the purpose of constructing a bridge over the Merrimac river in the city of Lawrence, in accordance with the provisions of chapters four hundred and eighty-six and five hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, the said city is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, in accordance with the provisions of section four of said chapter four hundred and eighty-six, instead of five hundred thousand dollars, as heretofore authorized by said chapters. So much of section four of said chapter four hundred and eighty-six as is included and expressed by the words “Such notes or bonds shall be issued upon the condition that the city may pay or redeem the same at any time after five years from the date of issue”, shall not be applicable to the authorization to borrow the additional sum of three hundred thousand dollars as is provided herein. *Approved March 29, 1915.*

1914, 749, § 1,  
amended.City of  
Lawrence may  
borrow money  
for construction  
of bridge over  
Merrimac river.AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH EASTON AND EASTONDALE Chap.232  
FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Easton liable to taxation in said town and residing within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at a point in the southerly line of the town of Easton and in the line of location of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and running thence northerly in the line of location of said railroad about thirteen thousand three

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and Eastondale  
Fire and  
Water District,  
established.

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Fire and  
Water District,  
established.

hundred and twenty-three feet to the centre of Prospect street; thence northeasterly following the centre of Prospect street about eighteen hundred seven and five tenths feet to the centre of Purchase street; thence northerly, following the centre of Purchase street, twenty-seven hundred and seven feet to the centre of Church street; thence north  $5^{\circ} 25'$  east, about twenty hundred and twelve feet to the centre of Depot street and Central street; thence north  $19^{\circ} 11'$  east by the centre of Central street five hundred and sixty-two hundredths feet to the centre of Short street; thence north  $8^{\circ} 40'$  west, about thirty-one hundred and sixty feet to the centre of Queset river; thence northerly by the centre of Queset river to the North Easton Village District line; thence in an easterly direction to Washington street at a point immediately north of the greenhouse of F. Lothrop Ames; thence in a northeasterly direction by a straight line running immediately north of the residence and outbuildings of F. Lothrop Ames to the line between the town of Easton and the county of Plymouth; thence southerly by the line between the town of Easton and Plymouth county to the southeast corner of the town of Easton; thence northwesterly by the line between the town of Easton and the town of Raynham to the point of beginning, shall constitute a fire and water district and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District, for the purpose of supplying themselves with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, with power to establish fountains and hydrants, and to relocate and discontinue the same; to regulate the use of water and to fix and collect rates to be paid therefor, and to take, or acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, and to hold property, lands, rights of way and easements for the purposes mentioned in this act, and to prosecute and defend all actions relating to the property and affairs of the district.

May take  
certain waters,  
etc.

SECTION 2. Said fire and water district, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, artesian, or other wells within the limits of said district, and the water rights connected with any such sources, or may contract with the North Easton Village District or the water commissioners of the city of Brockton for whatever water may be required for the purposes herein named, on such terms and conditions

May contract  
for water.

as may be agreed upon by the North Easton Village District or said water commissioners, and the North Easton Village District or the city of Brockton may furnish such water, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to compel them to do so. The South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, storing, holding, purifying and preserving the purity of the water and for conveying the same to any part of the said district: *provided, however*, that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water, shall be taken or used without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health, and that the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said department. Said district may construct on the lands acquired under the provisions of this act, proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances, and do such other things as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under or over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in the South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, said district may dig up or raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel on such ways; and all things done upon any such way shall be subject to the direction of the selectmen of the town of Easton.

May take certain lands, etc.

Proviso.

May erect structures, lay pipes, etc.

Description of lands, etc., to be recorded.

SECTION 3. Said fire and water district shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements under the provisions of this act, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Bristol a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water

Title to land,  
how vested.

commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all land acquired in any way under the provisions of this act shall vest in the South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District, and the land so acquired shall be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for in such manner as they shall deem for the best interest of said district.

Damages.

SECTION 4. Said district shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by anything done by said district under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid and failing to agree with said district as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways on application at any time within the period of two years after the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of the said two years. No assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, and the said period of two years shall not begin to run, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said district under authority of this act. Said district may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages caused by such taking shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in such event said district shall be further liable only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

South Easton  
and Eastondale  
Fire and Water  
District Loan,  
Act of 1915.

SECTION 5. Said district, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the district and countersigned by

the chairman of the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan, and the amount of the annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of principal payable in any subsequent year. Said district may sell the said securities at public or private sale, for the purposes of this act, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper; but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. Said bonds shall be exempt from taxation. The town of Easton may, at its annual town meeting or at a legal meeting called for the purpose, guarantee the payment of such bonds or notes.

Bonds  
exempt from  
taxation.

SECTION 6. Said district shall, at the time of authorizing said loan, provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be raised annually by taxation in the manner hereinafter provided.

Payment  
of loan.

SECTION 7. Whenever a tax is duly voted by said district for the purpose of this act, the clerk of the district shall send a certified copy of the vote to the assessors of the town of Easton, who shall proceed within thirty days thereafter to assess the same in the same manner in which town taxes are required by law to be assessed: *provided, however*, that no estate shall be subject to the said tax if, in the judgment of the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, such estate is so situated that it can receive no aid for the extinguishment of fire from the said system of water supply, or if such estate is so situated that the buildings thereon, or the buildings that might be constructed thereon, in any ordinary or reasonable manner, could not be supplied with water from the said system; but all other estates in the district shall be deemed to be benefited and shall be subject to the tax. A certified list of the estates exempt from taxation under the provisions of this section shall annually be sent by the water commissioners to the assessors, at the same time when the clerk sends a certified copy of the vote as aforesaid. The assessment shall be committed to the town collector, who shall collect said tax in the manner provided by law

Assessment  
of taxes.

Proviso.

Collection of  
taxes, etc.

Proviso. for the collection of town taxes, and shall deposit the proceeds with the district treasurer for the use and benefit of said district. Said district may collect overdue interest on taxes in the manner in which interest is authorized to be collected on town taxes; *provided*, that the district at the time of voting to raise the tax shall so determine, and shall also fix a time for the payment thereof.

First meeting. SECTION 8. The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of ten or more legal voters therein, by a warrant from the selectmen of the town of Easton or from a justice of the peace, directed to one of the petitioners, requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of the warrant in two or more public places in the district seven days at least before the time of the meeting. One of the petitioners shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. After the choice of a moderator the question of the acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the voters, and if it shall be accepted by a majority vote of the voters present and voting thereon it shall take effect, and the meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles contained in the warrant.

Water commissioners, election, term, etc. SECTION 9. The South Easton and Eastondale Fire and Water District shall, after the acceptance of this act as aforesaid, elect by ballot five persons to hold office, two until the expiration of three years, two until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual district meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at every annual meeting thereafter their successors shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to said district by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said board of water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as the district may impose by its vote. Said commissioners shall appoint a treasurer of the district, who may be one of their number, who shall give bonds to the district to such an amount and with such securities as may be approved by the commissioners. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by said fire district at any legal meeting called for the purpose. No money shall be drawn from the district treasury on account

Treasurer.

Quorum.  
Vacancy.

of the water works except by a written order of said commissioners or a majority of them.

SECTION 10. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be used to defray all operating expenses, interest charges and payments of the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges, it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the district appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the district may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge and an account of their doings, including an account of their receipts and expenditures.

To fix water rates, etc.

Net surplus, how applied.

To make annual, etc., report.

SECTION 11. Said district may adopt by-laws prescribing by whom and how meetings may be called and notified; and, upon the application of ten or more legal voters in the district, meetings may also be called by warrant as provided in section eight. Said district may also choose such other officers not provided for in this act as it may deem necessary or proper.

Meetings.

SECTION 12. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water obtained or supplied under this act, or wilfully or wantonly injures any reservoir, standpipe, aqueduct, pipe or other property owned or used by said district for the purposes of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the district three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort, and upon conviction of any of the above acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

Penalty for corruption of water, etc.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of said district present and voting thereon by ballot at a district meeting called in accordance with the provisions of section eight, within three years after the passage of this act, and may be voted on at as many meetings as may be called: *provided, however*, that not more than three meetings for the purpose of acceptance

To be submitted to voters, etc.

Proviso.

of this act shall be held in any one year; and this act shall become void unless said district shall begin to distribute water to consumers within three years after the acceptance of this act as aforesaid. *Approved March 29, 1915.*

[1895, 451, § 15.]

*Chap.233* AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TOWN FARM DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Essex may supply water to the Town Farm district.

SECTION 1. The town of Essex, by its board of selectmen, is hereby empowered to supply water for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the town shall fix, to the inhabitants of that part of the town which is called the Town Farm.

May drive wells, etc.

SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid the said town may obtain water by means of driven, artesian or other wells, and may construct, lay and maintain conduits, pipes and other apparatus under and upon the Town Farm, and any highway adjacent thereto: *provided*, that the town shall first make the necessary appropriations for such construction and maintenance; and *provided, further*, that no source of water supply for domestic purposes shall be acquired or used without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health.

Provisos.

Former acts ratified.

SECTION 3. All former acts of the town and of its officers in distributing water for the aforesaid purposes in said town and in fixing and collecting the rates therefor are hereby ratified and confirmed.

To be submitted to voters, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect after it has been submitted to the voters of the town of Essex at any town meeting called for the purpose, and accepted at said meeting by a majority vote. *Approved March 29, 1915.*

[1913, 212.]

*Chap.234* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION AND LOCATION OF TENEMENTS AND LODGING HOUSES IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1913, 212, § 1, amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and twelve of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Lawrence", in the first line, the words: — and in the city of New Bedford,



— so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* The board of health in the city of Lawrence, and in the city of New Bedford, may by a vote limit the number of occupants in any tenement or lodging house, or in any part or parts of the same, and shall in such case cause a notice stating such number to be posted conspicuously in such building and served upon the owner, agent or person having charge thereof. If the number is exceeded, the board may order the premises vacated, and they shall not again be occupied until said board shall so permit, upon being satisfied that the vote will be complied with. Said board may make such further regulations as to overcrowding, ventilation and occupation of such houses and the cellars thereof, not inconsistent with other laws, as it may deem proper.

Occupation of tenement and lodging houses in Lawrence and New Bedford regulated.

SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter two hundred and twelve is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Lawrence”, in the second and third lines, the words:— or in the city of New Bedford, — so as to read as follows:

1913, 212, § 2, amended.

— *Section 2.* Every owner or agent, or person having charge, of a tenement or lodging house in the city of Lawrence, or in the city of New Bedford, shall leave his address with the board of health, and shall have legibly posted on the wall or in the entry of such tenement or lodging house the name and address of such owner and of the agent or person having charge of the same; and service upon parties whose address is out of the city, of any papers or notices required by this act, or any act relating to the preservation of health, or by any proceedings to enforce any provision of any such act, shall be sufficient if made by sending a copy of such paper or notice through the mail to the address of the person so designated as owner, agent, or person having charge of such tenement or lodging house; and service on parties whose address is in the city may be made by leaving the copy at such address.

Name of owner, etc., to be posted.

Service, etc.

SECTION 3. Section three of said chapter two hundred and twelve is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Lawrence”, in the second line, the words:— or in the city of New Bedford, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 3.* Every officer of the board of health in the city of Lawrence, or in the city of New Bedford, and every officer upon whom any duty or authority is imposed or conferred, may have free access to every part of any lodging or tenement house, in the proper execution of the duties of his office.

1913, 212, § 3, amended.

Certain officers to have free access, etc.

*Approved March 29, 1915.*

[1912, 725.]

*Chap.235* AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR COMPLETING THE RAILROAD OF THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD CORPORATION AND TO CONFIRM AND MODIFY ITS LOCATIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Time extended. SECTION 1. The time within which the Southern New England Railroad Corporation may complete and open its railroad for use is hereby extended to the third day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Location declared valid, etc. SECTION 2. The location of the railroad of the Southern New England Railroad Corporation, filed with the commissioners of the county of Hampden on the twelfth day of June in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and with the commissioners of the county of Worcester on the thirteenth day of June in the same year, is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the same had been filed with the commissioners of each of said counties before chapter seven hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve took effect.

May use certain land of commonwealth. SECTION 3. The Southern New England Railroad Corporation, with the consent of the trustees of the Monson state hospital, and upon such terms as the governor and council may approve, may construct and maintain its railroad upon and over a parcel of land forty feet in width, owned by the commonwealth, situated in the town of Monson and used in connection with the Monson state hospital. Said parcel of land contains one and six one hundredths acres, more or less, and is bounded upon its northwesterly side by the thread of the Quaboag river, upon its southwesterly side by the northeasterly side line of the location of the New London Northern railroad, upon its southeasterly side by land of Josephine F. Baker, and upon its northeasterly side by other land of the commonwealth.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 29, 1915.*

*Chap.236* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, gas and electric light commissioners. SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the Gas and Electric Light Com-

missioners' Fund, except as otherwise provided herein, for the salaries and expenses of the gas and electric light commissioners, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

For the salaries of the commissioners, fourteen thousand dollars. Commissioners.

For clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars. Clerical assistance.

For the salary of the present gas inspector, twenty-eight hundred dollars. Gas inspector.

For the salary of the present first assistant inspector, eighteen hundred dollars. First assistant inspector.

For the salary of a second assistant inspector, eighteen hundred dollars. Second assistant inspector.

For statistics, books, stationery, and for other necessary expenses, a sum not exceeding forty-two hundred dollars. Statistics, books, etc.

For compensation of deputies, travelling expenses, apparatus, office rent and other incidental expenses, a sum not exceeding ninety-five hundred dollars. Compensation of deputies, etc.

For rent of offices, a sum not exceeding forty-six hundred and seventy-seven dollars. Rent of offices.

For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-nine hundred dollars. Printing and binding.

For the inspection of electric meters, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. Inspection of electric meters.

For salaries and expenses of expert assistants, as authorized by chapter six hundred and thirty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, a sum not exceeding sixty-five hundred dollars. Expert assistants.

For expenses in connection with the abatement of the smoke nuisance, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars, the same to be assessed upon the cities and towns of the district named in section one of chapter six hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten. Abatement of smoke nuisance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 29, 1915.*

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[1894, 351; 1911, 182.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF FALL RIVER. Chap.237

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The salary of the clerk of the board of police for the city of Fall River shall be an amount not ex- Salary of the clerk of the Fall River

board of police  
established.

ceeding fifteen hundred dollars a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the current year.

Disposition  
of fees.

SECTION 2. All fees received by said clerk under the provisions of section ten of chapter one hundred of the Revised Laws and any other law now or hereafter in force shall be paid to said city.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. Section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby repealed.

To be sub-  
mitted to city  
council.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Fall River.

*Approved March 30, 1915.*

[Accepted June 9, 1915.]

[1874, 74.]

**Chap.238** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE TO HOLD ADDITIONAL REAL AND  
PERSONAL ESTATE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1874, 74, § 2,  
amended.

Section two of chapter seventy-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four is hereby amended by striking out the words "one hundred", in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—two hundred and fifty,—and by striking out the words "of the value of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars", in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting in place thereof the words:—in any amount,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 2.* Said corporation may have and hold by purchase, grant, gift or otherwise, real estate not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value, and personal estate in any amount.

May hold  
additional  
estate, etc.

*Approved March 30, 1915.*

**Chap.239** AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF THE MASSACHUSETTS REFORMATORY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Massachusetts  
reformatory,  
maintenance.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding two hundred fifty-six thousand two hundred and fifty-nine dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the Massachusetts reformatory, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE *Chap.240*  
OF THE PRISON CAMP AND HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding sixty-one thousand seven hundred and forty dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses at the prison camp and hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen. Prison camp and hospital, maintenance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 30, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAINTENANCE *Chap.241*  
OF THE STATE INFIRMARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding four hundred ninety-three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the maintenance of the state infirmary, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen. State infirmary, maintenance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 30, 1915.*

[1913, 380.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BAKER'S CORNER FIRE DISTRICT *Chap.242*  
IN THE TOWN OF SEEKONK.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter three hundred and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out the word "two", in the sixteenth and nineteenth lines, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word: — four, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 8.* The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of ten or more legal voters therein, by a warrant from the selectmen of the town of Seekonk, or from a justice of the peace, directed to one of the petitioners, requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of the warrant in two or more public places in the district seven days at 1913, 380, § 8, amended.  
Baker's Corner Fire District in Seekonk, first meeting, etc.

Baker's Corner  
Fire District  
in Seekonk,  
first meeting,  
etc.

least before the time of the meeting. The said justice of the peace, or one of the selectmen, shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. After the choice of a moderator for the meeting the question of the acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the voters, and if it is accepted by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon it shall take effect, and the meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles contained in the warrant. The said first meeting shall be held within four years after the passage of this act, and this act shall become void unless the said district shall begin to distribute water to consumers within four years after the date of the acceptance of the act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 30, 1915.*

Chap.243 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SALISBURY WATER SUPPLY COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The Salisbury  
Water Supply  
Company,  
incorporated.

SECTION 1. Charles N. Taylor, Henry C. Mulligan and Ernest R. Seagrave, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Salisbury Water Supply Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Salisbury or any part thereof with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, and for the purpose of laying out, constructing, maintaining and operating a system or systems of main drains and common sewers, in that portion of said town of Salisbury lying east of the canal, with such connections and other works, as may be required for a system of sewage disposal. Said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force applicable to such corporations.

May take  
certain waters,  
etc.

SECTION 2. Said corporation, for the purposes aforesaid, may lease, take or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold the waters of any ponds, brooks or springs within the limits of said town, and may obtain and take water by means of driven, bored, artesian or other wells on any land within the limits of said town, and convey the same through the town; and may also take or acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for holding and preserving such water and conveying the

same to any part of said town, and for constructing main drains and sewers, necessary for the disposal of sewage; and may erect on the land so acquired proper dams, fixtures or other structures: *provided*, that no source of water supply shall be taken under this act for domestic purposes, and no system of sewage disposal shall be constructed, without the advice and approval of the state department of health. The sewers of said company shall be deemed to be public sewers. Said company may make excavations, procure and operate machinery, and provide such other means and appliances as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works and a system of sewage disposal; may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes, main drains, sub-drains, sewers and other works, under or over any land, water courses, canals, dams, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along any highway or other way in the town of Salisbury in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining and repairing such aqueducts, conduits, pipes, main drains, sub-drains, sewers and other works, and for all other purposes of this act, said corporation may dig up, raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel. Said corporation shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes, sewers, drains or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Proviso.

Sewers to be public sewers.

May build aqueducts, etc.

SECTION 3. Said corporation shall, within sixty days after voting to take any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Essex a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the president of the corporation. The recording shall operate as a taking of the real estate and rights and easements therein described.

Description of lands to be recorded.

SECTION 4. Said corporation shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person, firm or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by said corporation under the authority of this act. Any person,

Damages.

Damages.

firm or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with said corporation as to the amount thereof, may have the same assessed and determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within two years after the taking of such land or other property, or the doing of any other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made for the taking of any water, water right or water source, or for any injury thereto, and said period of two years shall not begin to run, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted under authority of this act. Said corporation may by vote from time to time determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take under this act; and in such case damages caused by the taking shall be based upon the said amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in that event the corporation shall be liable further only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

May distribute water in Salisbury.

SECTION 5. Said corporation may distribute water through the town of Salisbury or any part thereof, may regulate the use of said water and may fix rates to be paid for the use of the same, subject, however, to the power now vested in the board of gas and electric light commissioners to regulate said rates, and may make such contracts with the said town or with any fire district now or hereafter established therein, or with any individual or corporation, to supply water for the extinguishment of fires or for other purposes as may be agreed upon, and may maintain and operate a system of sewage disposal, and may contract with said town, or with any individual or corporation, relative to the same.

Real estate and capital stock.

SECTION 6. Said corporation may, for the purposes set forth in this act, hold real estate not exceeding in value twenty-five thousand dollars, and its capital stock shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Issue of bonds, etc.

SECTION 7. Said corporation may, by vote of a majority in interest of its stockholders at a meeting called for the purpose, and subject to the limitations and restrictions of the following section, issue bonds, at not less than par, to an amount not exceeding its capital stock actually paid in at the time of such issue and applied to the purposes of the corporation, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum; and may secure the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds by a mortgage of its



franchise and property. All persons who acquire any mains, conduits, poles, wires, fixtures or other apparatus in, over, under or across public ways by virtue of such mortgage shall have the same rights and be subject to the same obligations relative to their erection, care, maintenance and operating as the corporation would have had, or would have been subject to, if the mortgage had not been made.

Rights and obligations of mortgagee.

SECTION 8. Said corporation shall issue only such amount of stock and bonds as the board of gas and electric light commissioners may from time to time vote is reasonably necessary for the purpose for which such issue of stock or bonds has been authorized. The board may take into consideration any resources of the said corporation available or which might have been available for said purpose. Said board shall render a decision upon an application for such issue within thirty days after the final hearing thereon. The decision shall be in writing, shall assign the reasons therefor, shall, if authorizing such issue, specify the respective amounts of stock or bonds which are authorized to be issued for the several purposes to which the proceeds thereof are to be applied, shall, within seven days after it has been rendered, be filed in the office of the board, and a certificate of the vote of the board shall, within three days after such decision has been rendered and before the stock or bonds are issued, be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, and a duplicate thereof shall be delivered to the said corporation, which shall enter the same upon its records. Said corporation shall not apply the proceeds of such stock or bonds to any purpose not specified in such certificate. No application for the approval of an issue of stock shall be made unless authorized by vote of the incorporators, in case of an original issue, or of the stockholders in case of an increase of stock, passed not more than four months prior to such application; but a vote of the stockholders to increase the capital stock may be passed before or after the decision of the board aforesaid.

Issue of stock and bonds regulated.

Filing of decision, etc.

Application of proceeds.

SECTION 9. Said corporation shall have the authority to acquire by purchase the franchises, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of the Artesian Water Company, a corporation duly established by law, which now owns and operates a system of water works and a system of sewage disposal in said town of Salisbury, and upon such purchase shall assume all contract obligations of said Artesian Water Company, particularly the contract between said

May purchase franchises, etc., of certain corporation.

town of Salisbury and said Artesian Water Company for supplying the inhabitants of said town with water.

Rights of town  
to purchase.

SECTION 10. The town of Salisbury shall have the right at any time, by a two thirds vote at an annual meeting, to purchase the franchise, corporate property, and all the rights and privileges of said corporation; or the town may in said manner vote to purchase only such corporate property, rights and privileges as are necessary and suitable for, and are used in connection with, the supply of water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes; and said town may at any time in said manner vote to purchase only such corporate property, rights and privileges as are necessary and suitable for and are used in connection with the system of sewage disposal; and the town shall give said corporation sixty days' notice of the vote, and said corporation shall then within sixty days after receiving such notice execute and deliver to said town all said property, franchise, rights and privileges; whereupon the property thus conveyed shall become the property of said town, and said town shall be liable to pay to said corporation the fair market value thereof for the purpose of its use, excluding any mortgage or other incumbrance or lien to which such plant or any part thereof may be subject at the time of such purchase, which shall not be assumed by the town unless the commissioners appointed as below otherwise determine, but if transferred subject to said mortgage or lien the amount of the same is to be deducted from the price to be paid. Such value shall be estimated without enhancement on account of future earning capacity or goodwill or of exclusive privileges derived from rights in the public streets, and without enhancement because of any contract which may then exist between said corporation and said town. In case the town and the corporation shall be unable to agree upon the value of said property, the supreme judicial court shall, upon application of either party and notice to the other, appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be a skilled engineer, one learned in the law, and one engaged in carrying on a business, who shall determine the fair value of said property as above provided and whose award, when accepted by the court, shall be final. Any fire district which may be hereafter formed in said town of Salisbury shall have the right to purchase such corporate property, rights and privileges as are necessary and suitable for, and are used in connection with, the supply of water

Notice, etc.

Valuation not  
to include  
good will, etc.

Proceedings  
in case of  
disagreement.

Further right  
of purchase,  
etc.

for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, in the same manner and under the same terms and subject to all the provisions above provided for the purchase by said town.

SECTION 11. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, Penalty. pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said corporation under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to said corporation three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon conviction of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 31, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION BY THE CITY OF QUINCY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WEYMOUTH FORE RIVER. *Chap. 244*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of improving the channel of Weymouth Fore river the city of Quincy shall have authority to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars and to raise said sum by taxation and to pay it to the secretary of war of the United States or upon his order, after the appropriation by the congress of the United States of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for the said purpose. City of Quincy may appropriate a sum of money to improve Weymouth Fore river.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 1, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND. *Chap. 245*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations, Massachusetts commission for the blind.

Maintenance  
of industries.

For the maintenance of industries under the control of said commission, a sum not exceeding thirty-seven thousand dollars.

General  
administration,  
etc.

For general administration, furnishing information, for industrial and educational aid, and for other expenses in carrying out the provisions of the act establishing said commission, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 1, 1915.*

**Chap.246** AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFORESTATION OF LANDS PURCHASED BY THE STATE FOREST COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Expenses in  
connection with  
the reforestation  
of certain lands.

SECTION 1. For the acquisition of land and the maintenance of land purchased, as authorized by chapter seven hundred and twenty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose. For expenses of the commission, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 1, 1915.*

**Chap.247** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of New  
Bedford may  
borrow money  
to erect a new  
central fire  
station.

SECTION 1. The city of New Bedford, for the purpose of purchasing land, and for the construction and furnishing of a new central fire station thereon and for the installation of a fire alarm system in said building, may incur indebtedness, beyond the limit fixed by law, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor. Such bonds or notes shall be denominated on the face thereof, New Bedford Fire Station Loan, Act of 1915. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the city and countersigned by the mayor, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, shall not be reckoned in determining

the statutory limit of indebtedness of the city, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years after its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper; but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

SECTION 2. The city, at the time of authorizing the said loan, shall provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act, and when such provision has been made the amount required therefor shall, without further vote, annually be assessed by the assessors of the city, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the said debt is extinguished. Payment of loan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the twenty-sixth day of March, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NEWTON TO HOLD ADDITIONAL PROPERTY. Chap. 248

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Newton, situated in that part of Newton known as Newton Upper Falls, appointed according to the discipline and usage thereof, are hereby authorized to hold property not exceeding in value two hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the meeting house, to be used for the support of public worship and for other religious purposes and, in the case of property received by gift, grant, bequest, or devise, for the purposes set forth in and subject to any limitations imposed by the provisions of such gift, grant, bequest, or devise, any previous enactment of the commonwealth to the contrary notwithstanding. Trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Newton may hold additional property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 2, 1915.*

Chap.249 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION TO IMPROVE THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE ABERJONA RIVER IN THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Metropolitan park commission may improve the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in Winchester.

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars in improving the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in the Mystic Valley parkway, from upper Mystic lake to Walnut street in the town of Winchester, by dredging and other work therein, the amount so expended to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 2, 1915.*

[1901, 201.]

Chap.250 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRECINCT VOTING, LIMITED TOWN MEETINGS, TOWN MEETING MEMBERS, A REFERENDUM AND AN ANNUAL MODERATOR IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Precinct voting, limited town meetings, etc., in the town of Brookline.

SECTION 1. Upon the acceptance of this act by the town of Brookline, as hereinafter provided, the selectmen of that town shall forthwith divide the territory thereof into, and there shall thereby be established therein, not less than eight nor more than twelve voting precincts, to be designated by numbers or letters and to contain approximately an equal number of registered male voters, but not less than six hundred in any precinct. Such precincts shall be so established as to consist of compact and contiguous territory, to be bounded, as far as possible, by the centre line of known streets and ways or by other well-defined limits. The boundaries of all of such precincts shall be reviewed and, if need be, shall be in part or wholly revised, and the number of the same may be increased within the limit of twelve by the selectmen in the month of January, once in every five years, so as to maintain approximately an equal number of registered voters in each preeinct. The selectmen shall, within ten days after any and every establishment of such precincts or revision thereof, file a report of their doings with the town clerk, and also with the registrars of voters and with the assessors, with a map or maps or description

Selectmen to report doings, etc.

of such precincts and with the names and residences of the registered voters therein. The selectmen shall also cause to be posted in the town hall a map or maps or description of the precincts as established from time to time, with the names and residences of the registered voters therein; and they shall also cause to be posted in at least three public places in each precinct a map or description of that precinct, with the names and residences of the registered voters therein. The division of the town into voting precincts and any revision of such precincts shall take effect, respectively, upon the date of the filing of the report thereof by the selectmen with the town clerk. Whenever such precincts are established or revised the town clerk shall forthwith give notice thereof in writing to the secretary of the commonwealth, stating the number and designation of such precincts. The provisions of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and any amendments thereof relating to precinct voting at all elections, so far as the same are not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to the town of Brookline, at all elections and primaries preliminary thereto, upon the establishment of voting precincts as hereinbefore provided.

Division of  
town into  
precincts,  
date of taking  
effect.

SECTION 2. The registered male voters in each of such precincts shall, at the first annual town election held after the establishment of such precincts and conformably to the laws relative to elections not inconsistent with this act, elect by ballot twenty-seven of such voters in such precinct other than those officials hereinafter designated in section three as town meeting members as at large, such elected voters to be town meeting members of the town, one third of which number shall be elected for the term of one year, one third for the term of two years and one third for the term of three years; and thereafter, except as hereinafter provided, at each annual town election the said voters of each precinct in the town shall, in like manner, elect nine of their number to be town meeting members of the town for the term of three years, and shall at such election fill for the unexpired term or terms any vacancies then existing in the number of town meeting members in their respective precincts. Upon every revision of the precincts or of any of them the term or terms of office of all town meeting members within each and every such revised precinct shall thereupon cease, and there shall be at the first ensuing annual town election an entirely new election of town meeting members in each and every

Town meeting  
members,  
election, etc.

Notice of  
election.

precinct so revised, as well as in any new precinct or precincts established. The town clerk shall, after every election of town meeting members forthwith notify each member by mail of his election, with instructions to signify in writing to the town clerk within seven days from the receipt of such notice his acceptance or refusal of such membership.

Town meeting  
members as  
at large.

SECTION 3. The town meetings of Brookline, except as otherwise provided for in section five of this act shall, at and after the first annual election under this act, be limited to, or composed each year of, the registered voters elected under sections two and seven of this act, together with the following, designated as town meeting members as at large, namely:— (1) the members from Brookline in the general court of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, (2) the moderator, (3) the town clerk, (4) the selectmen, (5) the town treasurer, the chairman of each of the following boards:— (6) of the assessors, (7) of the school committee, (8) of the trustees of the public library, (9) of the trustees of the Walnut Hills cemetery, (10) of the water board, (11) of the park commissioners, (12) of the planning board, (13) of the committee for planting trees, (14) of the gymnasium and

Notices of town  
meetings.

baths committee, and (15) of the registrars of voters. The town clerk shall notify the town meeting members of the time when and place where town meetings are to be held, such notices, when practicable, to be sent by mail at least four days before any such meeting. The town meeting members, as aforesaid, shall be the judges of the elections and qualifications of their own members. Not less than one half of all of the town meeting members, as aforesaid, of any such limited town meeting must be present thereat to constitute a quorum for doing business; but a less number may organize temporarily and may adjourn from time to time. All town meetings shall be held with open doors.

Open doors for  
town meetings.

The town meeting members shall receive no compensation for their services as such. Subject to such conditions as may be determined from time to time by its members at any such limited town meeting any registered voter of the town who is not a town meeting member may speak, but not vote, at such a meeting. Any town meeting member may resign as such member by filing a written notice to that effect with the town clerk, such resignation to take effect on the date of such filing; and any town meeting member who removes from Brookline shall cease to be a town meeting member.

Resignation,  
etc.



SECTION 4. Nominations of candidates for town meeting members to be elected under section two of this act shall be made by nomination papers signed in no case by less than thirty registered male voters of the precinct in which the candidate or candidates reside and filed with the town clerk at least ten days before election. No nomination paper shall be valid in respect to any candidate whose written acceptance is not thereon or attached thereto: *provided, however,* that any town meeting member may become a candidate for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the town clerk at least twenty days before such election.

Nominations,  
how made.

Proviso.

SECTION 5. The articles in the warrant for every town meeting in Brookline, so far as they relate to the election of the moderator, town officers, town meeting members as hereinbefore provided, granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, to referenda, and to all matters to be acted upon and be determined by ballot by the registered voters of the town in their respective precincts, shall be so acted upon and be determined. All other articles in the warrant for any town meeting in Brookline shall be acted upon and be determined exclusively by the town meeting members at a meeting to be held at such time and place as shall be set forth by the selectmen in the warrant for such meeting and subject to the referendum under section eight.

Warrant.

SECTION 6. A moderator shall be elected by ballot at each annual town meeting and shall serve as the moderator of all town meetings until his successor is elected and qualified. Nominations for moderator and his election shall be as in the case of other elective town officers. If a vacancy in the said office occurs during any term it may be filled by the town meeting members at a meeting held for that purpose. If a moderator is absent, a moderator pro tempore may be elected by the town meeting members.

Moderator,  
election, etc.

SECTION 7. Any vacancy or vacancies in the full number of twenty-seven town meeting members from any precinct may be filled by the remaining members from such precinct from among the registered male voters of the precinct for and during the unexpired term of the year and until the next annual town election. Upon a petition therefor, signed by not less than ten town meeting members from such precinct, notices thereof shall be promptly given by the town clerk to the remaining members from the precinct in which such vacancy or vacancies exist, and he shall call a special meeting of such members for the purpose of filling such

Vacancies,  
how filled.

Vacancies,  
how filled.

vacancy or vacancies. He shall cause to be mailed to each of such members, not less than four days before the time set for such meeting, a notice thereof, specifying the object, the time and the place therefor. At such meeting a majority of such members shall constitute a quorum, and they shall elect from their own number a chairman and a clerk. The choice to fill any such vacancy or vacancies shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be required to choose. The chairman and clerk shall make a certificate of such choice and forthwith file the same with the town clerk, together with a written acceptance of the office by the member or members so chosen, which filing shall constitute an election of, and give to such member or members the full powers of, a town meeting member or members under this act, subject to the right to judge of the election and qualification of members as set forth in section three.

Rights of  
voters.

Referendum.

SECTION 8. If at any limited town meeting in Brookline a vote is passed that authorizes an expenditure of twenty-five thousand dollars or more for a special appropriation, such vote shall not become operative until after the expiration of a period of five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, from the day of the dissolution of such meeting. If, within the said period of five days a petition is addressed to and filed with the selectmen, and is signed by not less than twenty registered male voters of Brookline from each precinct therein, giving their street addresses, asking that the question or questions involved in such vote be submitted to the registered male voters at large of the town, the selectmen and the moderator shall, within fourteen days after the filing of the said petition, frame and present the question or questions so involved to a special town meeting of the registered male voters at large of the town, to be held for that purpose, at which meeting the ballot and the check lists shall be used in the respective precincts, and such question or questions shall be determined by the vote of a majority of such voters at large of the town voting thereon at such special town meeting. If such petition be not filed within the said period of five days, the vote authorizing an expenditure of twenty-five thousand dollars or more for a special appropriation shall become operative upon the expiration of the said period.

Action binding  
upon town.

SECTION 9. The municipal corporation of the town of Brookline, after its acceptance of this act, shall be capable of acting and of being bound by its said elected and its said

designated town meeting members as aforesaid, who shall, when convened from time to time as hereinunder provided, constitute limited town meetings; such limited town meetings shall exercise exclusively, so far as shall conform to the provisions of this act, all powers vested in the municipal corporation of Brookline. All provisions of law now or hereafter applicable to the transaction of town affairs in town meetings and to the effect thereof, and now or hereafter applicable to town officers shall, when not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or any amendment or amendments thereof, be hereby extended in their application and effect to the transaction of town affairs in the Brookline limited town meetings, to the members thereof, and to the town of Brookline as affected by the action of such meetings. Lawful action upon any and all articles in the warrant determined by any limited town meeting in Brookline, or as herein provided by the registered voters at large of that town, either under a warrant for an annual town meeting or under a warrant for a special meeting, shall have the same legal effect upon the town of Brookline and its citizens as heretofore under the law and practice binding upon that town and its citizens in town meetings.

SECTION 10. This act shall not abridge the right of the citizens of Brookline to hold general meetings, according to any right secured to its voters or to the people by the constitution of this commonwealth; nor shall this act confer upon any limited town meeting in Brookline the power finally to commit that town to any proposition affecting its municipal existence or change in the form of its government, without action thereon by the qualified voters of the town at large, using the ballot and the check lists therefor.

SECTION 11. The question of the acceptance of this act by the town of Brookline shall be submitted to the registered male voters of that town at the state election in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. At such election the vote shall be taken by ballot in accordance with the provisions of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and any amendments thereof, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the question: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled 'An Act to provide for precinct voting, limited town meetings, town meeting members, a referendum and an annual moderator in the town of Brookline', be accepted by this town?", and

General  
meetings.

Act to be  
submitted to  
voters at the  
next state  
election.

Act to be submitted to voters at the next state election.

the affirmative votes of a majority of the registered male voters of that town present and voting thereon shall be required for and shall determine its acceptance by that town. The acceptance of this act, as herein provided, shall repeal chapter two hundred and one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one, being an act relative to town meetings in the town of Brookline.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 12. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the registered male voters of the town of Brookline shall take effect upon its passage, but this act shall not take further effect unless and until accepted by the town of Brookline as herein provided. *Approved April 3, 1915.*

*Chap.251* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Boston state hospital, maintenance.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, for the maintenance of the Boston state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

From the receipts of said hospital now in the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of forty-two thousand nine hundred eight dollars and thirty-eight cents; and from the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding four hundred thirty-one thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. *Approved April 3, 1915.*

[1914, 680; 1915, 65, Spec., 230, Spec.]

*Chap.252* AN ACT RELATIVE TO FILLING VACANCIES IN THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1914, 680, § 44, amended.

Section forty-four of chapter six hundred and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by striking out the words "ward in which the vacancy occurred", in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — qualified voters of the city, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 44.* Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the school committee, the mayor shall call a joint meeting of the municipal council and the

Filling vacancies in the school committee of Attleboro.

school committee. The president of the municipal council shall preside at such meeting, and the vacancy shall be filled from the qualified voters of the city by vote of a majority of all the members of the two bodies. The term of the person thus chosen shall terminate with the end of the current municipal year.

*Approved April 3, 1915.*

[1915, 264, Spec., 319, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WIRES AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN *Chap. 253*  
THE CITY OF EVERETT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Everett may, by ordinance, designate some officer or officers of the city who shall have exclusive authority to cause to be removed from the streets or parts of streets of the city hereinafter named, all telegraph, telephone and electric light, motor and power wires, cables and conductors, in or above said streets or parts of streets, and all poles and other structures in said streets used for the support of the same, except such structures, poles, wires, cables and conductors as are hereinafter excepted. Such officer or officers shall grant all necessary permits for placing, maintaining and operating such wires, cables and conductors, and any other necessary appurtenances in underground conduits and manholes, subject to the ordinances of the city; and the superintendent of streets or other officer having charge of the highways of said city shall issue all permits for opening and occupying the streets which may be necessary to carry out the intent of this provision, upon the application of the officer or officers first above mentioned or of any person or corporation interested.

Wires and  
electrical  
appliances in  
Everett,  
regulation, etc.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply to the following streets or parts of streets: — Broadway from Main street to Gledhill avenue; Ferry street from Elm street to the Malden line. All the overhead wires, cables, conductors, poles and structures in that part of Broadway above specified, except such as are hereinafter excepted, shall be removed or placed underground prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one; and all the overhead wires, cables, conductors, poles and structures in that part of Ferry street above specified, except such as are hereinafter excepted, shall be removed or placed underground prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and

To apply to  
certain streets.

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Petition for  
exemption or  
extension.

twenty-three: *provided*, that such permits as are necessary are granted in due season, so that the work may be completed within the time aforesaid; it being the purpose of this act to cause the removal from the parts of streets above named of all wires, cables, conductors, poles and structures, except those hereinafter excepted, within the periods above specified. And it shall be the duty of said officer or officers to see that the same are so removed. But any street railway, telegraph or telephone company subject to the provisions of this act may petition the public service commission, and any other company or person subject to the provisions of this act may petition the board of gas and electric light commissioners, for the exemption from the provisions of this act of any wires, cables, conductors, poles and structures, or for any extension or extensions of time for compliance with said provisions. And said commission or said board, as the case may be, may grant any such exemption or extension which they deem reasonable; and any exemptions or extensions granted by said commission or said board, by an order passed after notice to the mayor and aldermen of said city, who shall be entitled to be heard, and a public hearing, shall have the same force and effect as if specially provided for herein.

Duties of  
owners or users  
of overhead  
wires, etc.

SECTION 3. Every owner or user of overhead wires, cables or conductors, and of poles and other structures for the support thereof, in that part of Broadway specified in section two, shall, prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, construct the underground conduits, ducts and manholes which it shall desire to use in that part of said Broadway, and remove therefrom its overhead wires, cables and conductors and any poles or other structures used for the support thereof, except such as may be exempted under the provisions of this act; and every owner or user of overhead wires, cables or conductors and of poles and other structures for the support thereof, in that part of Ferry street specified in section two, shall, prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, construct the underground conduits, ducts and manholes which it shall desire to use in that part of said Ferry street, and remove therefrom its overhead wires, cables and conductors and any poles or other structures used for the support thereof, except such as may be exempted under the provisions of this act; and upon the removal from overhead of such wires, cables or conductors, the owners or users

thereof may place the same and any other necessary wires, cables or conductors or any extensions thereof in such underground conduits. It shall be the duty of the officer or officers provided for in section one to see that the requirements of this section are complied with.

SECTION 4. No person, firm or corporation shall place any poles or other structures for the support of any wires, cables or conductors, except those herein excepted, in those parts of the streets prescribed in section two from which the overhead wires, cables and conductors shall have been removed pursuant to this act, except temporarily and in emergencies, with the permission of the officer or officers designated pursuant to section one. If, after the expiration of the time herein prescribed for the removal of all the wires, cables, conductors, poles and structures in the streets or parts of streets above specified, there shall remain in any of said streets or parts of streets any wires, cables, conductors, poles or structures which are by this act required to be removed or placed underground, the officer or officers designated pursuant to section one shall cause the same to be removed, and the city may collect from the owners or users thereof, by an action at law, any expense involved in such removal.

Placing of poles,  
etc., regulated.

SECTION 5. The officer or officers designated pursuant to section one may at any time, upon application of any person, firm or corporation duly authorized by law to lay or to erect and maintain, and lawfully maintaining, wires in the streets of said city, grant permission for the removal of any wires, cables, conductors, poles or structures in any of the streets of said city, whether within or without the streets specified in section two, and for the placing of the same and any other necessary wires, cables and conductors, and any extensions thereof, underground as herein provided; and it shall be the duty of the commissioner of streets, or other officer having charge of the highways in said city, and he shall have authority, after the granting of such permission, to issue all permits for opening and occupying the streets of said city which may be necessary to carry out the intent of this act, upon the application of said officer or officers or of any person or corporation interested. Said officer or officers shall, after public notice and hearing as required by law, grant locations for such additional poles for local distribution from underground wires, cables or conductors and for the support of lamps as may become reasonably necessary by reason of work done under the pro-

Removal of  
wires, cables,  
etc.

visions of this act, specifying where such poles may be located and the kind of poles to be used.

Certain corporations may contract with each other to use conduits, etc.

SECTION 6. The Malden Electric Company, the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the Bay State Street Railway Company, or any two of said companies, may contract with each other for the use of such of the underground conduits, ducts, manholes, cables and conductors of each other in the city of Everett as any of said companies, or its successors or assigns, may desire to use, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by said companies, respectively; and in case of the purchase by any municipality of the plant and property of said Malden Electric Company in the city of Everett, any such conduits, ducts, manholes, cables and conductors as shall have been provided by it for the use of either or both of the other companies above named pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be a part of the plant and property so purchased.

Exemptions.

SECTION 7. Except as herein otherwise provided, this act shall not apply to long distance telegraph or telephone wires, posts for the support of lamps exclusively, or to poles used exclusively for local distribution from underground wires, cables or conductors, or to street railway trolley, guard and span wires or to poles for the support of the same; nor shall it revoke or affect any rights already granted to any person, firm or corporation to place or maintain any conduits, pipes, wires, cables or conductors underground; but any such conduits, pipes, wires, cables or conductors, laid hereafter in pursuance of any such grant, shall be laid subject to the provisions of this act so far as they are not inconsistent with the terms of such grant. For the purposes of this act no wire shall be deemed to be a long distance telegraph or telephone wire which does not extend at least twenty-five miles from some central office.

Filing of maps, required.

SECTION 8. When any person or corporation operating or intending to operate wires, cables, conductors or conduits in any streets or parts of streets of said city shall desire or be required to place the same underground, and shall have been duly authorized so to do, such person or corporation shall file with the city engineer of the city a map or maps made to scale, showing the streets or parts thereof which are desired or required to be used for said purpose, and giving the locations, dimensions and courses of the underground conduits desired or required to be constructed, which map or maps shall be satisfactory to, and approved in writing by,



the city engineer before any permit shall be granted to make any opening in any such street under the said authority.

SECTION 9. The mayor and city council of the city shall constitute a board of appeal, to which petitions in writing may be presented by any person or corporation aggrieved by any act or decision of the officer or officers designated under section one, or of the city engineer, done or made in pursuance of this act. Such petition shall set forth the specific grievance or grievances relied upon, and shall be filed with the mayor of the city within ten days after the act or decision complained of was done or made; and said board after due notice shall give a hearing thereon, and may either approve, annul, modify or overrule such act or decision.

Board of  
appeal.

SECTION 10. The city council of said city may make such new ordinances, not inconsistent with or additional to the provisions of this act, as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect the purposes of this act. No existing ordinances of said city shall apply to or govern the grants or permits to be made, the work to be done, or the conduits, manholes, cables or conductors to be laid or constructed, pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Powers of  
city council.

SECTION 11. The supreme judicial court or the superior court, or any justice thereof, shall, on petition of the officer or officers designated under section one, or of any person, firm or corporation affected by the provisions of this act, have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act or any order of said officer or officers issued pursuant thereto, and to compel compliance therewith.

Enforcement  
of provisions.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 3, 1915.*

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[1907, 550; 1908, 336; 1909, 313; 1910, 284, 631; 1911, 342; 1912, 259, 369, 370, 713; 1913, 50, 577, 586, 704, 729; 1914, 119, 205, 248, 595, 782.]

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. Chap. 254

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. If any building erected in the city of Boston since the first day of August in the year nineteen hundred and seven, under a permit granted by the building commissioner or issued by direction of the board of appeal, appears to have been erected contrary to the law existing at the time of its erection, such building shall be considered as

Erection of  
buildings in  
Boston.

Provisos.

having been erected in conformity with law, and the building commissioner and the mayor shall issue the permits necessary to make lawful the use of said building for the purpose for which it was erected: *provided*, that an application for the authorization of such use be filed with the building commissioner within six months after the passage of this act; and *provided, also*, that it shall appear to said commissioner, or, upon appeal from his ruling, to a majority of the board of appeal: —

First. That said building was erected in accordance with the plans approved by the building commissioner or the board of appeal;

Second. That said building was erected in good faith, with the intention of complying with the law;

Third. That the use of said building for the purpose for which it was erected would not, under all the circumstances of the case, injuriously affect public interests.

Exemption  
not to relieve  
owner from  
compliance  
with certain  
laws, etc.

SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of this act, and any authority granted thereunder, shall not relieve the owner of any building of the duty of complying with the provisions of any law passed subsequent to the time of the erection of such building, or with the terms of any order, rule or regulation made or established under authority of such law.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

[1915, 333, Spec., 346, Spec., 352, Spec.]

Chap.255 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE MILITIA AND FOR SUNDRY ARMORY EXPENSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
quartermaster  
general of the  
militia, etc.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the quartermaster general's department, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Quartermaster  
general, salary.

For the salary of the quartermaster general, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

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| For the salary of the superintendent of armories, eighteen hundred dollars.  | Superintendent of armories. |
| For the salaries of the clerks, ten thousand dollars.  | Clerks.                     |
| For the salary of the watchman at the state arsenal, eight hundred dollars.  | Watchman at state arsenal.  |
| For incidental and contingent expenses, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars.                                 | Incidental expenses.        |
| For quartermaster's supplies, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.   | Quartermaster's supplies.   |
| For maintenance of armories of the first class, a sum not exceeding ninety-seven thousand dollars.                   | Maintenance of armories.    |
| For care and maintenance of the camp ground and buildings at Framingham, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.  | Care of camp grounds, etc.  |
| For the salaries of armorers of the first class, a sum not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars.                    | Armorers, first class.      |
| For rent and maintenance of armories of the second class, a sum not exceeding sixty-five hundred and eighty dollars. | Armories, second class.     |
| For rent and maintenance of armories of the third class, a sum not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars.             | Armories, third class.      |
| For allowance to the three batteries of artillery of the volunteer militia, twenty-four hundred dollars.             | Batteries of artillery.     |
| SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  |                             |
| <i>Approved April 6, 1915.</i>   |                             |

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITY AND FOR SUNDRY OTHER CHARITABLE EXPENSES. *Chap. 256*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the state board of charity and for sundry charitable expenses, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

STATE BOARD OF CHARITY.

For expenses, including travelling of members and salaries and expenses in the board's central office, a sum not exceeding twenty-three thousand dollars. Expenses of board.

For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars. Annual report.

Expenses of  
auxiliary  
visitors.

For travelling and other necessary expenses of the auxiliary visitors of the board, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

State adult  
poor.

For salaries and expenses in the division of state adult poor, a sum not exceeding eighty thousand dollars.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CHARITABLE.

Transportation  
of state  
paupers.

For transportation of state paupers under the charge of the state board of charity, including transportation of prisoners released on probation from the state farm, and travelling and other expenses of probation visitors, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars.

Mothers with  
dependent  
children.

For the payment of suitable aid to mothers with dependent children, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Burial of state  
paupers.

For the burial of state paupers by cities and towns, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

Dangerous  
diseases.

For expenses in connection with smallpox and other diseases dangerous to the public health, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding sixty thousand dollars.

Sick state  
paupers.

For the support of sick state paupers by cities and towns, for the present year and previous years, the same to include cases of wife settlement, a sum not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars.

Temporary  
aid, etc.

To reimburse cities and towns for temporary aid furnished to state paupers and shipwrecked seamen, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

State minor  
wards.

For salaries and expenses in the division of state minor wards, a sum not exceeding ninety-five thousand five hundred dollars.

Tuition of  
certain  
children.

For tuition in the public schools, including transportation to and from said schools of children boarded or bound out by the state board of charity, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding seventy thousand dollars.

Indigent and  
neglected  
children, etc.

For care and maintenance of indigent and neglected children and juvenile offenders, for the present year and previous years, to include expenses in connection with the

same, a sum not exceeding five hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the support and transportation of unsettled pauper infants in infant asylums, for the present year and previous years, a sum not exceeding sixty-one thousand dollars. Unsettled  
pauper infants.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF THE SUPERVISOR OF LOAN AGENCIES. Chap.257

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for salaries and expenses in the office of the supervisor of loan agencies, during the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations,  
supervisor of  
loan agencies.

For the salary of the supervisor of loan agencies, thirty-five hundred dollars. Supervisor,  
salary.

For clerical assistance, rent and other necessary expenses of the supervisor of loan agencies, such sum, not exceeding twelve thousand nine hundred dollars, as shall be approved by the governor and council. Clerical  
assistance, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. Chap.258

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the salaries and expenses of the state department of health, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriations,  
state depart-  
ment of health.

For general work, including the salary of the commissioner, the compensation of the health council, salaries of certain assistants, clerks and stenographers, travelling and office expenses, a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand four hundred dollars. General  
work, etc.

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| Annual report.                                 | For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.  |
| Engineers, chemists, etc.                      | For the services of engineers, chemists, biologists, clerks and other employees and experts, and for the necessary travelling and other expenses incurred for the protection of the purity of inland waters, for the examination of sewer outlets, and for the examination of the sanitary condition of certain rivers and water courses, a sum not exceeding fifty-six thousand eight hundred dollars. |
| Inspectors of health.                          | For salaries, travelling and other expenses of the inspectors of health, a sum not exceeding thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.  |
| Director of division of communicable diseases. | For the salary of the director of the division of communicable diseases, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.   |
| Epidemiologist.                                | For the salary of an epidemiologist, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars.   |
| Diagnostic laboratory.                         | For salaries and expenses for the maintenance of a diagnostic laboratory, a sum not exceeding fifty-three hundred dollars.  |
| Certain supplies.                              | For expenses of supplies to be used in connection with the enforcement of the law relative to ophthalmia neonatorum, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.  |
| Manufacture of antitoxin, etc.                 | For salaries and expenses in connection with the manufacture and distribution of antitoxin and vaccine lymph, and for making a certain investigation and study relative to the Wassermann test, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand dollars.   |
| Director of food and drugs.                    | For the salary of the director of the division of food and drugs, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.   |
| Inspection of milk, food, etc.                 | For the inspection of milk, food and drugs, a sum not exceeding seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.  |
| Slaughtering inspection.                       | For salaries, travelling and other expenses in connection with slaughtering inspection and the inspection of food products treated by cold storage, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.  |
| State examiners of plumbers.                   | For compensation, travelling and other expenses of the state examiners of plumbers, a sum not exceeding fifty-two hundred dollars.  |

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSBURG *Chap.259*  
AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The annual town meeting of the town of Clarksburg, held on the twenty-sixth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall not be invalid by reason of the fact that the meeting was held in the month of January or by reason of any other informality or irregularity in the calling or conduct of the meeting. All votes and acts of the town at said meeting and all acts done pursuant to said votes are hereby validated and confirmed.

Acts of the town of Clarksburg at the annual town meeting of 1915 confirmed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

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[Stoughton, 1883, 177; 1886, 240; 1888, 268; 1892, 244, 346; 1893, 109; 1894, 346; 1906, 124; 1909, 518; 1910, 504; 1911, 97; Sharon, 1883, 177; 1887, 350; 1894, 241; 1896, 471; 1898, 85; 1905, 91; 1906, 124; 1913, 128.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON TO SUPPLY *Chap.260*  
WATER TO INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SHARON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Stoughton is hereby authorized to supply water to inhabitants of the town of Sharon upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the water commissioners of said towns, and for this purpose the town of Stoughton may lay and maintain pipes and may construct other necessary works in the town of Sharon, and may dig up any ways in the town of Sharon, subject to the direction of the selectmen thereof.

Town of Stoughton may supply water to the inhabitants of Sharon.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

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[1885, 273; 1888, 374; 1890, 82; 1897, 172.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WOBURN PUBLIC *Chap.261*  
LIBRARY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and seventy-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended by striking out section four and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 4.* The persons hereinbefore named and designated as corporators under this act and their successors, with three persons chosen as provided in chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the

1885, 273, § 4, amended.

Board of trustees of Woburn Public Library, how constituted.

Board of  
trustees of  
Woburn Public  
Library, how  
constituted.

acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall constitute the members and board of trustees of said corporation, and shall have the entire management, control, and direction of its affairs, with the power to sell, transfer and convey any securities or property, real or personal, now held by it, or by the city of Woburn, and set apart for the purposes of the Woburn Public Library, and shall choose a president, a clerk, and other officers, including a treasurer who may be the person who is treasurer of the city of Woburn, and may prescribe the duties of each, and from time to time may make such by-laws and regulations for the management of the institution, its property and funds and for the use of the library, not in conflict with this act, as they may deem best for carrying out the purposes thereof.

1885, 273, § 6,  
amended.

Report.

SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and seventy-three is hereby amended by striking out section six and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 6.* The trustees shall render to the city council annually in the month of January a report of their proceedings and a statement of the condition of the library, its property and funds, the number of books added during the year, with an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, together with any other information or suggestions which they may deem desirable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 6, 1915.*

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[1894, 454; 1898, 249, 268; 1908, 339, 347; 1911, 364, 371.]

## *Chap. 262* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1898, 268, etc.,  
amended.

Commissioner  
of wires of  
Boston may  
collect certain  
fees, etc.

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by chapter three hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, is hereby further amended by inserting after section three a new section, to be numbered four, as follows: — *Section 4.* The commissioner of wires, subject to the approval of the mayor, is hereby authorized to establish and collect reasonable fees or charges for all permits or licenses issued by him in accordance with the provisions of this act, and for the inspection of all work done under such permits or licenses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 8, 1915.*

[1915, 268, Spec.]



AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ABINGTON TO REFUND *Chap.263*  
CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Abington is hereby authorized to extend from time to time any part of the tax loan issued April fourteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and due April fourteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and now outstanding, for a period not exceeding two years from the date of the passage of this act, and none of the uncollected taxes outstanding prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall be appropriated for any other purpose than the payment of said loans so long as there are outstanding revenue loans issued on account of nineteen hundred and fourteen revenues. The treasurer of the town, with the approval of the selectmen, is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness and to issue notes of the town therefor without further vote of the town. Any debt or debts incurred under the authority of this act shall be outside the statutory limit of indebtedness of the town.

Town of  
Abington may  
refund certain  
indebtedness.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 8, 1915.*

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[1914, 680; 1915, 65, Spec., 230, Spec., 252, Spec.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO TO PURCHASE *Chap.264*  
AND CANCEL CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be created in the city of Attleboro a special Sewer Loan Commission consisting of the mayor, city treasurer and three members elected by the municipal council, who shall serve without compensation. The term of office of the members shall be three years. In the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, there shall be elected one member whose term of office shall expire February first, nineteen hundred and sixteen; one whose term of office shall expire February first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and one whose term of office shall expire February first, nineteen hundred and eighteen. In the year nineteen hundred and sixteen and annually thereafter there shall be elected one member for a term of three years beginning with the first day of February in each year. Any vacancy in the board shall be filled by the municipal council for the unexpired term.

Sewer Loan  
Commission  
of Attleboro,  
established.

Powers and  
duties.

Provisos.

Investment  
of funds.

To be sub-  
mitted to city  
council, etc.

SECTION 2. The commission shall direct the expenditures or investment of all sewer funds now in the custody of the city treasurer, including the balance of thirty-five thousand dollars of a sewer loan issued in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and not used for sewer construction purposes, and all sums received and in the treasury or to be received from sewer assessments which have been assessed, and shall apply the same to the liquidation of indebtedness incurred for sewer construction purposes: *provided*, that not more than one half of such sewer debt maturing in any one year shall be paid from the said funds. The said commission may purchase for cancellation any of said sewer bonds: *provided*, that not more than one half of the bonds maturing in any one year shall be purchased from such fund; and *provided, further*, that the premium allowed shall net the holder of bonds so purchased not more than one half of one per cent above the rate of interest designated in the bonds.

SECTION 3. The commission may invest and reinvest the funds in the same manner in which sinking funds may be invested, and in any securities which are or may be made a legal investment for sinking funds. The city treasurer shall be the treasurer of the commission and shall furnish bond satisfactory to the commission.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the municipal council of the city of Attleboro, and upon approval by the mayor.

*Approved April 10, 1915.*

[Accepted April 30, 1915.] [1915, 319, Spec.]

[1904, 326.]

Chap.265 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASING OF BATHING FACILITIES AT NAHANT BEACH BATH HOUSE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Bathing  
facilities at  
Nahant beach  
bath house  
increased.

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars for the purpose of increasing the bathing facilities of Nahant beach bath house and in enlarging the said bath house, the amount so expended to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 10, 1915.*

[1864, 268, § 15; 1869, 380; 1885, 294, 295, § 9; 1891, 285; 1893, 364; 1894, 29; 1903, 183; 1905, 132; 1906, 388; 1913, 700; 1914, 632, 768.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO INCUR IN-DEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELAYING CERTAIN WATER MAINS. Chap.266

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Beverly is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding eleven thousand dollars and to issue notes or bonds therefor for the purpose of relaying a water main on Rantoul street in said city. Such notes or bonds shall be denominated on their face, Beverly, Rantoul Street Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within six years from its date. Said notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, and shall, except as is otherwise provided herein, be issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, so far as they are applicable.

City of Beverly may borrow money to relay certain water mains.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 10, 1915.*

[1915, 309, Spec.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WARREN TO SUPPLY ITSELF AND ITS INHABITANTS WITH WATER. Chap.267

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Warren may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes; may establish fountains and hydrants and relocate or discontinue the same; and may regulate the use of such water and fix and collect rates to be paid therefor.

Town of Warren may supply itself with water, etc.

SECTION 2. Said town, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells within the limits of the town, and the water rights connected with any such water sources, and may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise and hold all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, storing, purifying and preserving the water, and for conveying the same to any

May take certain lands, waters, etc.

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| Proviso.                                    | part of said town: <i>provided, however</i> , that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water shall be taken without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health, and that the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said department. Said town may construct   |
| May construct dams, etc., lay pipes, etc.   | on lands held under the provisions of this act, proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances, and do such other things as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under and over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in the town of Warren, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all other proper purposes of this act, said town may dig up or raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways, in such manner as to cause the least possible hindrance to public |
| Restrictions.                               | travel on such ways. Said town shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.   |
| Description of lands, etc., to be recorded. | SECTION 3. Said town shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the Worcester district of the county of Worcester, a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all land acquired under the provisions of this act shall vest in the town of Warren, and the land so acquired may be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, in such manner as they shall deem for the best interests of the town.   |

SECTION 4. Said town shall pay all damages to property Damages. sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by said town under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with the town as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within the period of two years after the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of the said two years, and no application for assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by the town under authority of this act. Said town may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages, caused by such taking, shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in such event said town shall be further liable only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

SECTION 5. Said town, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time, bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of Warren Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; but the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value and

Town of  
Warren Water  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 6. Said town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which with the income derived from water rates will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan is extinguished.

Penalty.

SECTION 7. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said town under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon being convicted of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding one year.

Water commis-  
sioners, elec-  
tion, terms, etc.

SECTION 8. Said town shall, after its acceptance of this act, at the same meeting at which the act is accepted, or at a subsequent meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said water commissioners, who shall be subject however to such instructions, rules and regulations as the town may impose by its vote. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the town at any legal town meeting called for the purpose. Any such vacancy may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the

Quorum.

Vacancy.

selectmen, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the town fills the vacancy in the manner provided herein.

SECTION 9. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges, it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction, the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the town appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

To fix water rates, etc.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of the town of Warren present and voting thereon by ballot at a legal meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage; but the number of meetings so called in any one year shall not exceed three, and for the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Act to be submitted to voters, etc.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

[1915, 262, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL WIRES, CABLES, CONDUCTORS AND CONDUITS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. Chap. 268

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The commissioner of wires of the city of Boston shall have exclusive authority to grant to persons, firms or corporations duly authorized by law to lay or erect and maintain, and lawfully maintaining, wires in the streets of said city, locations for underground wires, cables, conductors and conduits, in the manner provided by chapter four hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year eighteen

Location of underground electrical wires, cables, etc., in Boston.

hundred and ninety-four and by acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, in any of the streets, avenues and highways of said city, whether such locations are for the accommodation of new wires, cables and conductors, or of wires, cables and conductors removed from overhead. The commissioner of wires shall also have authority, after giving such person, firm or corporation an opportunity to be heard, to direct an alteration in any location for underground wires, cables, conductors and conduits in any of the streets, avenues and highways of the city of Boston.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 12, 1915.*

*Chap.269* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF METHUEN TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO JEANNETTE POLLARD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Methuen may pay a sum of money to Jeannette Pollard.

SECTION 1. The town of Methuen is hereby authorized to pay to Jeannette Pollard, the mother of John J. Pollard, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars as compensation for injuries received by said John J. Pollard on the twenty-fifth day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, while fighting a fire on French street in said town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 12, 1915.*

[1915, 130, Spec.]

*Chap.270* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES TO WORKMEN AND MECHANICS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1914, 636, § 1, amended.

Certain employees of the Boston transit commission entitled to workmen's compensation.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter six hundred and thirty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "laborers", in the first and ninth lines, the words: — workmen and mechanics, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by the Boston transit commission shall be deemed to be in the service of the city of Boston within the provisions of chapter eight hundred and seven of the acts of the year nineteen hun-



dred and thirteen, and shall be entitled to the compensation provided for by that act. Such compensation shall be paid out of the proceeds of the rapid transit loans and shall be included in the net cost of the tunnel or subway in the construction of which such laborers, workmen and mechanics receive personal injuries arising out of and in the course of their employment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

[1915, 293, Spec.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE YARMOUTH WATER COMPANY. *Chap. 271*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Charles W. Young, Henry A. Symonds and Charles R. Currier, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Yarmouth Water Company, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Yarmouth, or any part thereof, with water for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, including the extinguishment of fires; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force applicable to such corporations.

Yarmouth  
Water Com-  
pany, incor-  
porated.

SECTION 2. The corporation may purchase water for any or all of its corporate purposes from the Barnstable Water Company or from any other corporation at the time engaged in supplying water to the inhabitants of any town adjoining the town of Yarmouth: *provided*, that the source of the water supply of such other corporation was acquired with the consent of, or shall have been approved by, the state department of health. The Barnstable Water Company and all other corporations now or hereafter engaged as aforesaid in supplying water to the inhabitants of towns adjoining the town of Yarmouth may sell and contract to sell water to the corporation created by this act for any or all of its corporate purposes. If any town or fire district acquires by exercise of eminent domain the property of a corporation which at the time is under contract to sell water to the corporation created by this act, such town or fire district shall assume the obligations of the former corporation in relation to supplying water for the unexpired term of the contract, and the latter corporation may thereafter purchase water from such town or fire district; *provided*, that if

May purchase  
water from  
certain com-  
panies.

Proviso.

Duties of  
certain towns or  
fire districts.

Proviso.

Proviso.

such town or fire district is not satisfied with the price fixed by the contract for water to be furnished thereunder, it may apply to the board of gas and electric light commissioners to fix and determine the price of water thereafter to be furnished under the contract; and said board shall, after notice to all interested parties and a public hearing, enter such orders relative to the price of water thereafter to be furnished under said contract as it determines are just and reasonable. Such orders shall be binding upon such town or fire district until further order of said board. The corporation created by this act shall not take or otherwise acquire any water other than by purchase under the provisions of this section.

May take  
certain lands,  
etc.

SECTION 3. Except as is otherwise provided herein, the corporation may lease, take, or otherwise acquire, and hold all lands, rights of way and easements necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of its corporate purposes, may erect thereon buildings, standpipes and other structures, with fixtures, machinery and other appliances appurtenant thereto, and may do all other things necessary or convenient for the establishment and maintenance of a complete and effective system of water works; but it shall have no authority to take and shall not take in fee land for any purpose other than the storage of water, and the lands so taken shall not in the aggregate exceed two acres.

Description of  
land to be  
recorded.

SECTION 4. The corporation shall, within ninety days after voting to take such lands, rights of way, or other easements as aforesaid, cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the president of the corporation. The recording shall operate as a taking of the real estate, rights of way and easements therein described.

Damages.

SECTION 5. The corporation shall pay all damages sustained by any person by the taking of any land, right of way, or easement under the provisions of this act. Any person sustaining such damages and failing to agree with the corporation as to the amount thereof may have the same assessed and determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within three years after the taking of such land or other property; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of said three years.

SECTION 6. The corporation may construct, lay and maintain conduits, pipes and other works, under or over any lands, water courses, canals, dams, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along any highway or other way, in the town of Yarmouth, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying and maintaining such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all other corporate purposes the corporation may dig up, raise and embank any such lands, highways, or other ways in such manner as not unnecessarily to hinder public travel; but all things done upon any public ways shall be subject to the direction and approval of the selectmen of said town.

May lay  
pipes, etc.

SECTION 7. The corporation may distribute water through the town of Yarmouth, or any part thereof, and may regulate the use of the same. It may from time to time establish and fix rates for such water and may collect the same when due. It may make such contracts with the town of Yarmouth, or with any fire district now or hereafter established therein, or with any persons, to supply water for the extinguishment of fires or for such other purposes as may be agreed upon.

May distribute  
water in  
Yarmouth.

SECTION 8. The capital stock of the corporation shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and the corporation may issue bonds and secure the same by mortgage of its franchise and other property at the time owned or thereafter acquired to an amount not exceeding its capital stock actually paid in. It may from time to time, if necessary in order to accomplish the purposes of its incorporation, increase its capital stock agreeably to the provisions of section thirty-five of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. It shall issue only such amounts of stock and bonds as the board of gas and electric light commissioners may from time to time determine to be reasonably necessary for the purposes for which such issue of stock or bonds is authorized. All such issues shall be subject to the provisions of section thirty-nine of said chapter seven hundred and forty-two.

Issue of  
bonds, etc.

Increase of  
capital, etc.

SECTION 9. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water purchased or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by the corporation under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the corporation three times the amount

Penalty for  
polluting water.

of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort, and upon being convicted of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding one year.

May purchase  
other property,  
etc.

SECTION 10. The town of Yarmouth shall have the right, at any time during the continuance of the charter hereby granted, to acquire by purchase or by exercise of the right of eminent domain the franchise, property and all the rights and privileges of the corporation, on payment to the corporation of the actual cost of its franchise, works and property of every kind held under the provisions of this act; and unless the dividends earned and declared by said company on its stock shall have been equal to or in excess of five per cent per annum, there shall be added to the cost of the work such a sum as would make the net return to the stockholders five per cent per annum on the investment. The town, on taking, as herein provided, the property of said corporation, shall assume all of its outstanding obligations incurred in the construction or improvement of the property, including bonds secured by mortgage issued under authority of this act, and the amount thus assumed shall be deducted from the total amount to be paid by the town to said corporation. Said corporation shall furnish to the town of Yarmouth, under oath, an itemized statement of the actual cost of the water supply system authorized by this act, together with a copy of all contracts made in providing and constructing said water supply system and any extension thereof, and shall furnish to said town annually in the month of January an itemized statement, under oath, of its receipts and expenditures, which statement shall be submitted by the selectmen to the citizens of the town at the annual town meeting. This authority to take the said franchise and property is granted on condition that the same is assented to by the said town by a two thirds vote of the voters present and voting thereon at a meeting legally called for that purpose; and the taking by right of eminent domain shall be by filing in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable the declaration of such taking, which shall include a certified copy of the article in the warrant under which the town acted and of the vote of the town thereon, showing that it was passed by a two thirds vote as herein required. In case the town and the corporation shall be unable to agree upon the actual cost of said property, the

To furnish  
town state-  
ment of cost  
of system, etc.

Authority to  
be approved  
by voters.

Remedy in case  
of disagreement  
as to actual  
cost, etc.

supreme judicial court shall, upon application of either party and notice to the other, appoint three commissioners who shall determine the actual cost of said property, and whose award, when accepted by the court, shall be final. Interest at the rate of six per cent shall be included in said award from the date of the taking or purchase.

Rate of interest.

SECTION 11. Said town may, for the purpose of paying the cost of said franchise and corporate property, and the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred under the provisions of this act, issue from time to time bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. All such bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness shall, however, be issued subject to the limitations and provisions of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Issue of bonds, etc.

SECTION 12. Said town shall, after purchasing or taking the said franchise and corporate property, as provided in this act, at a legal meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as the town may impose by its vote. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board for any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the town at any legal town meeting called for the purpose. Any such vacancy may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the selectmen, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the town fills the vacancy in the manner provided herein.

Water commissioners, election, term, etc.

Vacancies, how filled.

SECTION 13. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable rates for the use of water and shall prescribe a time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness issued

To fix water rates, etc.

Net surplus,  
etc., how used.

Report.

Rights of other  
fire districts.

To be  
submitted to  
the voters, etc.

under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges, it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction, the water rates shall be reduced accordingly. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the town appropriates or provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report of the condition of the works under their charge, and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 14. Any fire district now existing or hereafter established within the town of Yarmouth for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants thereof with water for the extinguishment of fires, for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes shall have all the rights and privileges herein granted to, and be subject to all the obligations, duties and liabilities herein imposed upon, said town.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the town of Yarmouth at any meeting legally called for that purpose, but it shall become void unless said water company shall have begun to distribute water through its pipes to consumers in said town within three years after the town shall have accepted this act.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

[1898, 403; 1905, 113; 1913, 588.]

*Chap.272* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN TO BORROW MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A SCHOOLHOUSE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Watertown may  
borrow money  
to construct  
and equip a  
schoolhouse.

SECTION 1. The town of Watertown, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new schoolhouse, to be built on land fronting on Arlington street, is hereby authorized to issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate seventy-three thousand dollars, and the securities so issued shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the town. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Watertown School Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such

annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town, and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen. The town may sell the said bonds or notes at public or private sale, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.

SECTION 2. Said town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS. Chap. 273

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the free public library commissioners, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

To carry out the provisions of the act to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

For the salary of the agent of the commissioners, the sum of twenty-two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the salary of an agent to direct educational work among aliens, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Payment  
of loan.

Appropriations,  
free public  
library com-  
missioners.

Establishment,  
etc., of free  
public libraries.

Agent.

Educational  
work among  
aliens.

Clerical assistance, etc.

Annual report.

For clerical assistance to and incidental expenses of the commissioners, including the salary of a general secretary and adviser, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 12, 1915.

Chap.274 AN ACT TO RATIFY AN ACT OF THE TOWN OF CARLISLE IN VOTING TO MAKE A PAYMENT TO FRANK BIGGI.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Certain act of the town of Carlisle ratified.

SECTION 1. The action of the town of Carlisle at a town meeting held on the third day of November in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, in voting to reimburse Frank Biggi, field driver of the said town, for damages incurred by him in the performance of his duties as such field driver, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the town is authorized to raise by taxation and appropriate for this purpose a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 12, 1915.

[1893, 240; 1908, 588; 1910, 138; 1911, 27, 565, 626; 1912, 140, 141; 1913, 133.]

Chap.275 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of West Bridgewater may make an additional water loan.

SECTION 1. The town of West Bridgewater, for the purposes specified in chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten and in chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, may issue bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued for purposes of water supply, and the same shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the town. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of West Bridgewater Water Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be issued for the same period and upon the same terms and conditions and with the same rate of interest specified in said chapter one hundred and thirty-three and the said loan and the interest thereon shall



be paid in the manner specified in the said chapter one hundred and thirty-three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF GOSHEN TO REFUND Chap.276  
CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Goshen, for the purpose of refunding fifteen hundred dollars, represented by demand notes, is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness to that amount and to issue notes of the town therefor. The notes shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of the note first issued, as will extinguish the whole loan within ten years after the date of the note first issued, and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year. The notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and the amount required to pay the interest and the principal maturing each year shall be raised by taxation, and shall, without further action by the town, be assessed annually by the assessors in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the whole debt is extinguished.

Town of  
Goshen may  
refund certain  
indebtedness.

Rate of interest.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of the town of Goshen, with the approval of the selectmen, is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness in behalf of the town under the provisions of this act, and to issue notes of the town therefor.

Treasurer may  
issue notes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COMPENSATING Chap.277  
OWNERS OF CATTLE KILLED AND PROPERTY DESTROYED  
DURING THE EPIDEMIC OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of animal industry in compensating owners of cattle, sheep, other ruminants, swine and fowl killed and

Compensation  
for owners of  
cattle, etc.,  
destroyed  
during the  
epidemic of the  
foot and mouth  
disease.

property destroyed, during the epidemic of the foot and mouth disease, as authorized by the provisions of chapter sixteen of the resolves of the present year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 13, 1915.*

*Chap.278* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF SANDWICH TO IMPROVE ITS HARBOR AND TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC DOCK AND LANDING.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Sandwich may improve its harbor, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Sandwich, for the purpose of improving its harbor and for constructing a public dock and landing and approaches thereto, is hereby authorized to acquire by gift or purchase such land as may be necessary or desirable.

Town of Sandwich Harbor Improvement Loan, Act of 1915.

SECTION 2. For the above purposes, the town of Sandwich may borrow, within the statutory limit of indebtedness, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and may issue notes or bonds of the town therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, Town of Sandwich Harbor Improvement Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within fifteen years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of such loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. Said notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The town may sell such notes or bonds at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the treasurer may deem expedient, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value; and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 3. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section two of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the notes or bonds issued as aforesaid by the town and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under

the provisions of this act shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 4. The town of Sandwich is authorized to pay over to the harbor and land commissioners any or all of the sums so borrowed, to be expended by said commissioners for the purposes specified in this act.

Harbor and land commissioners to expend money.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 13, 1915.*

[1897, 527; 1899, 141; 1900, 150; 1901, 111; 1907, 556; 1912, 707.]

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE BOSTON, QUINCY AND FALL RIVER BICYCLE RAILWAY COMPANY SHALL BUILD ITS RAILWAY. *Chap. 279*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The time within which twenty miles of the railway of the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall be built, in accordance with the provisions of chapter seven hundred and seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and preceding acts, is hereby extended until the twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and eighteen, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to the said railway company.

Time extended within which Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway Company shall build, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 14, 1915.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADJUSTMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED ON PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON LYING WITHIN THE CITY OF QUINCY. *Chap. 280*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The cities of Boston and Quincy are authorized to adjust a claim for taxes on land owned by the city of Boston in the city of Quincy by agreement made between the mayors of said cities. Said agreement may be for an amount less than the taxes assessed on said land, with interest, and the amount agreed upon shall be paid by the city of Boston to the city of Quincy within thirty days after the signing of said agreement. Upon said payment all taxes assessed on said land, with interest, in excess of the amount so paid shall be abated by the assessors of the city of Quincy.

Adjustment of taxes on property of the city of Boston lying within the city of Quincy.

May sell certain  
portion of land.

SECTION 2. After said payment has been made the city of Boston may sell any portion of said land not necessary for public use, at public auction or private sale, upon terms and conditions approved by the mayor of the city of Boston, and the proceeds of such sales shall be paid over to the treasurer of the city of Boston and held for the purpose of purchasing any of the outstanding bonds of said city or, in the discretion of said treasurer, for the purpose of meeting the interest and sinking fund requirements of any bonds issued by the city.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 16, 1915.*

*Chap.281* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TO  
SUPPLY ITSELF AND ITS INHABITANTS WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Georgetown  
may supply  
itself with  
water, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Georgetown may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes; may establish fountains and hydrants and relocate or discontinue the same; and may regulate the use of such water and fix and collect rates to be paid therefor.

May take  
waters, etc.

SECTION 2. Said town, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells within the limits of the town, and the water rights connected with any such water sources, and may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, storing, purifying and preserving the water, and for conveying the same to any part of said town: *provided, however*, that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water shall be acquired without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health, and that the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said department. Said town may construct on the lands acquired under the provisions of this act, proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances, and do such other things as may be necessary for

Proviso.

May construct  
dams, lay  
pipes, etc.

the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under and over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in the town of Georgetown, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all other proper purposes of this act, said town may dig up or raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways, in such manner as to cause the least possible hindrance to public travel on such ways. Said town shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Public service  
commission  
approval.

SECTION 3. Said town shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Essex, a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all land acquired under the provisions of this act shall vest in the town of Georgetown, and the land so acquired may be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, in such manner as they shall deem for the best interests of the town.

Description of  
taking of land  
to be recorded.

SECTION 4. Said town shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by said town under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with the town as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within the period of two years after the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the

Payment of  
damages.

Payment of  
damages.

expiration of the said two years, and no assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by the town under authority of this act. Said town may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages caused by such taking shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in such event said town shall be further liable only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

Town of  
Georgetown  
Water Loan,  
Act of 1915.

SECTION 5. Said town, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of Georgetown Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; but the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Rate of interest.

Payment  
of loan.

SECTION 6. Said town shall at the time of authorizing said loan provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which with the income derived from water rates will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan is extinguished.

SECTION 7. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said town under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon being convicted of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding one year.

Penalty for corruption of water, etc.

SECTION 8. Said town shall, after its acceptance of this act, at the same meeting at which the act is accepted or at a subsequent meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years, and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as the town may impose by its vote. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by said town at any legal town meeting called for the purpose. Any such vacancy may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the selectmen, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the town fills the vacancy in the manner provided herein.

Water commissioners, election, term, etc.

Vacancies, how filled.

SECTION 9. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction

To fix water rates.

Net surplus, how applied.

Report.

by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the town appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

Act to be submitted to voters, etc.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of the town of Georgetown present and voting thereon by ballot at any legal meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage, but the number of meetings so called in any one year shall not exceed three; and for the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 16, 1915.*

Chap.282

#### AN ACT TO DISSOLVE CERTAIN CORPORATIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Corporations dissolved.

SECTION 1. Such of the following named corporations, as are not already legally dissolved, are hereby dissolved, subject to the provisions of sections fifty-two and fifty-three of chapter four hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three: —

A. & E. Burton Company (1907)  
 A. B. Cutter Company, The  
 A. B. Noyes & Co., Corporation  
 A. Cunningham Drug Company  
 A. D. Poole Co.  
 A. H. Demond Company  
 A. J. Hammerton Co.  
 A. J. Landey Company  
 A. L. Banks & Co., Inc.  
 A. P. Downs Co.  
 A. U. Dilley & Company, Incorporated  
 Abbotsford Worsted Company  
 Acme Register Company  
 Acme Service Company  
 Acme Torsion Spring Company  
 Addison Building Company  
 Adjustable Truss Hinge Company  
 Advertisers' Company (Inc.)  
 Akron Tire and Rubber Company of Boston, The  
 (1913)



Albany and Pittsfield Developing Company  
Alexander Company Incorporated  
Alexander Confectionery Co.  
Alfana Cigar Company  
Allen-Bradley Cranberry Company, The  
Allston Laundry Inc., The  
Alta Manufacturing Company  
Amalgamator Manufacturing and Mining Company  
American Automatic Feed-Water Regulator Company  
American Banner Company  
American Casket Company  
American Clock Bank Mfg. Co.  
American Coat and Linen Supply Company  
American Electric Process Steel Company  
American Emblem Company  
American Graphic Art Company  
American History Publishing Co., The  
American Ignition Company, Incorporated  
American Investment Company, The  
American Light, Heat and Power Company of Boston  
American Lunch Company  
American National Detective Agency, Inc.  
American Package Fruit Company  
American Scientific Supply Corporation, The  
American Securities Corporation  
American Stores Company, The  
American Tea and Coffee Co.  
American Utilization Company  
American Waterproof Sole Company  
American Wholesale Grocery Company  
Amoroso, Incorporated  
Anderson-Snow-Hardware Company  
Androscoggin Motor Company  
Anthony Screw Company  
Architectural Review Incorporated, The  
Armor Concrete Construction Company  
Arnold J. Booth Company, Inc.  
Arrow Laundry Inc., The  
Associated Merchants Delivery Company, The  
Athlete Shoe Industry Company  
Atkinson-Browne Co.  
Attleboro Welding and Machine Company  
Atwood-Reed Company  
Auditorium Stock Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporations  
dissolved.

August W. Dodge, Incorporated  
Austin Furniture Company  
Austin Printing Company, The  
Auto Accessory Mfg. Co.  
Auto-Lighter & Equipment Company  
Automatic Fire Protection Company  
Automobile Agency Inc.  
Avis Engine Company  
Avon Aeroplane Amusement Co.  
B & L Engine Company  
B. & T. Economy Soap Holder Company  
B. E. Gordon Company  
B. J. Short Company  
B-W Plantation Company  
Babbatassett Paper Company  
Back Bay Auto Supply Company, Inc.  
Baker's Pond and Drain Fishing Company  
Bankers and Manufacturers Mercantile Corporation  
Bankers Coupon Company  
Barnstable Electric Company  
Barrett Bracerine Co.  
Bartlett & Grover, Inc.  
Bates Poultry Farm, Inc., The  
Bay Road Fruit Company  
Bay State Agency, Inc.  
Bay State Coal and Cement Company  
Bay State Distilling Company  
Bay State Egg Co.  
Bay State Sales Company  
Bay State Shoe & Repair Company  
Bay State Shoe Company  
Bay State Silver Company  
Beacon Boulevard Hotel Company  
Beacon Confectionery Co.  
Beacon Finance Co.  
Beacon Ice Cream Company  
Bear Creek Oil Company  
Beebe-Webber Company, The  
Belchertown Light, Heat & Power Company  
Bemis Garnet Mills Company  
Bennett Co., The  
Berkshire Canning Company  
Berkshire Ore & Chemical Company

Beta Gamma Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Corporations  
dissolved.  
Omega Fraternity, Incorporated  
Beverly Manufacturing Company  
Beverly Mattress Company, Inc.  
Bianco Construction Company  
Biddle Baking Co.  
Bigelow & Joslin Company  
Bigelow Carpet Company (1899)  
Bijou Theatre Co. (Fall River, Org. 1913)  
Blair Manufacturing Company  
Blair Specialty Company, The  
Blake Automobile Company  
Blue Hill Avenue Garage Inc.  
Bonded Clearing House, Inc.  
Bonelli-Brownrigg Co.  
Bonn and Company, Incorporated  
Bonney Co., The  
Boothby Surgical Hospital  
Boston Art Embroidery Co., The  
Boston Builders Finish Company  
Boston Carpet Laying Company, The  
Boston Cement, Sand & Gravel Company  
Boston Citrus Fruit Company  
Boston Cold Storage and Terminal Company  
Boston Common, Inc., The  
Boston Courier Publishing Company, The  
Boston Dentists Company  
Boston Docks and Warehouse Company  
Boston Kosher Wurst Company, The  
Boston Ladies Tailoring Company  
Boston Merchandise Co.  
Boston Paving Company  
Boston Prest-O-Ceal Company  
Boston Rod Company  
Boston Rubber Supply Company  
Boston Sawdust and Shavings Company  
Boston Sawdust Company  
Boston Shippers Express Co.  
Boston Store, Inc., The  
Boston Surgical Specialty Company, The  
Boston Thread and Twine Company  
Boylston Art Galleries, Inc.  
Boylston Jewelry Co. Inc.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Bradford Yarn Mills  
Breck Rubber Company  
Brennan Leather Company  
Breton Company, The  
Brewster Frame Company, The  
Broadway Pharmacy, Incorporated  
Brockton People's Shoe Company  
Brockton Pink Granite Quarry Company  
Brockton Realty Trust, Inc.  
Brotherhood Publishing Company  
Brown and Sons Manufacturing Company  
Brown-Binnian Company  
Brown-Fuller Shoe Company  
Brown-Sargent Company  
Buckeye Fruit & Truck Growers Association, (Incorporated), The  
Buck's Emporium, Inc.  
Bullard Thread Company, The  
Burbank Brothers Company, The  
Burnham Railway Appliance Company  
Butler Beef Company  
C. A. Reid Company  
C. & C. Drug Company  
C. & J. Manufacturing Company  
C. H. Petit Co.  
C. P. Hicks Co.  
C. Sargent Bird, Inc.  
C. W. Stone Company  
Cambridge Real Estate Co. Incorporated  
Cambridge Supply Company  
Campbell Sales Company  
Canton Manufacturing Company  
Cape Ann Clothing Company, Inc.  
Cape Cod Fish Company, Incorporated  
Cape Light, Heat and Power Company  
Carleton Company, The  
Carpenter Spring Tire Company  
Carroll & O'Kelly Co.  
Carroll Paper Stock Co.  
Carter-Chesebro Company  
Carter Ticket Company  
Casler, Inc.  
Caswell's Candy Stores Company  
Caunt-Lewis Company, The

Central Biscuit Company  
Central Garage, Incorporated  
Centre St. Garage, Inc.  
Century Safety Razor Company  
Chas. Case Shoe Company  
Charles F. Packard Inc.  
Charles H. Morey Company, The  
Charles S. Hodsdon Company  
Chauncey S. Greene Company, The  
Chelsea Bee Publishing Co.  
Chemolene Company, The  
Chicago Raincoat Company  
Chilmark China Clay Corporation  
China-American Trading Company  
Churchill Dry Goods Company  
City Dressed Meat Company  
Cochran Desk Pad Co.  
Cohannet Converting Company  
Collins Hardware Company  
Colonial Amusement Company  
Colonial Engraving Co.  
Colonial Securities Company  
Colonial Woolen Mills  
Columbian Furniture Company, The  
Columbian Stevedores & Mfg. Co.  
Combined Tool Company, The  
Comet Photo Studios, Inc.  
Commercial Fibre Company  
Common Sense Gum Company  
Commonwealth Dye and Cleansing Works  
Commonwealth Land Title Company  
Conduit & Cable Manufacturing Company, The  
Conley Drug Co., The  
Consolidated Amusement Company  
Consolidated Canoe Works, Inc.  
Consolidated Shoe Company  
Consumers' Paint & Varnish Co.  
Continental Advertising Co.  
Co-operativa Operaria Portuguesa, Inc.  
Co-operative Delivery Company  
Co-operative Sales Company, The  
Corbin Wrench Company  
Corey Hill Garage Company  
Corporation Charter Co.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporation Security Company  
Costotime Company, The  
Cotuit Co-operative Grocery Co., The  
Court Electric Company  
Crane Screw Co.  
Crescent Hall Market Company  
Crowder Cotton Produce Company  
Crown Café Company  
Crown Lumber Company  
Crown Novelty Co.  
Cummings Company, The  
Cummings-Milbury Company  
Curley Spring Hoof Pad Company, Brockton, Mass.  
Curtis Drug Co.  
Curtis-Hawkins Company, The  
Daly Box Toe Company  
Daniels & Johnson, Inc.  
David E. Sherin Company  
David J. Sheehan and John J. Rourke Construction  
Company, The  
David Street Company  
De Leon Chemical Mfg. Co.  
Derry-Cooper Company  
Devonshire Coöperative Society  
Dexter Box, Shook & Lumber Company  
Dickey-Gordon-Bond Furniture Co.  
Dill Cattle Company  
Dr. Randall & Associates, Inc.  
Dodge & Gray Inc.  
Dodge Furniture Company, The  
Donoghue Silk Company  
Double-Phone Manufacturing Company, The  
Dreamland Dancing Academics Company  
Duby Brothers Incorporated  
Dudley Drug Company, The  
Dudley, Mears & Stevens, Incorporated  
Dugdale-MacKissock Company  
Dunn-Ray Company  
Durable Electric Co.  
Dyke Mill, The  
E. and A. H. Batcheller Company  
E. and W. Toggle Co.  
E. C. Andrews and Eagles Company, The  
E. E. Angell Company, The

Corporations  
dissolved.

E. L. French Company  
E. L. Smith Company  
E. M. Read Company  
E. M. Sands (Incorporated)  
E. O. Proctor Co.  
E. R. Allen Co.  
E. R. Stabler Company  
E. W. Lynch Furniture Company  
E. W. Manter Company  
E-Z Rim Company, The  
East Douglas Clothing Company  
East India Extract Company  
Eastern Co-operative Association  
Eastern Electric Lamp Company  
Eastern Flour Company, The  
Eastern Glass Company  
Eastern Reduction Company  
Eastern Sales Corporation  
Edward G. Morris Company, The  
Edward Vroom Company, The  
Edwin Cullin Company  
Eells Lime Company  
Efficiency Supply Company  
Egry Register Company of New England  
Electric Economy Company  
Electro-Chemical Fibre Company  
Electro-Signal Co.  
Elgin Creamery Co.  
Elite Dress Manufacturing Company  
Elliott Motor Engine Company  
Emco Company, The  
Enfield Manufacturing Company  
Essex Concrete Construction Company  
Essex Development Company  
Essex Rapid Transportation Company  
Essex Waste Company  
Eugene Lynch Company  
Eureka Valve Company  
Everett E. Belding Company, The  
Excel Vacuum Cleaner Company  
Excello Foods Company  
Export Box Strap Company  
F. E. Cole Manufacturing Company  
F. E. Longwell Lumber Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

F. J. Allen Lumber Company, The  
F. J. Terrill Motor Company  
F. M. Butler Company  
F. M. White Company  
F. T. Morcombe, White Company  
Fall River Granite Company  
Fall River Wholesale Grocery Company  
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Bristol County,  
Massachusetts, The  
Federal Association  
Federal Rubber Waste Company  
Ferguson Coal Company  
Ferncroft Club, Inc., (1913)  
Field, Holmes Company  
First Italian Consumers Co-operative Association, Inc.  
First National Safe Deposit Company  
Five Acre Farm Inc.  
Flaherty Drug Co.  
Flather Planer and Shaper Company  
Florida Trackless Trolley Company  
Flower Growers Sales Company  
Floyd-Scott Company, The  
Foundry Equipment Company  
Framingham Cleansing & Dyeing House Inc.  
Framingham Commission House, Inc.  
Framingham Contracting Company  
Frank A. Arend & Co. Inc.  
Frank B. Phinney Company  
Frankfort Investment Company, The  
Franklin Construction Co.  
Franklin Laundry Company  
Fred A. Loud Company, The  
Fred F. Field Company B.  
Fred S. and A. D. Gore Corporation  
Frederick E. Randall Company  
Fudge Man Company  
G. A. Sawyer & Co. Inc.  
G. C. Parker Company  
G. E. & H. J. Habich Co.  
G. E. Blanchard Company  
G. Gordon Martin, Incorporated  
G. I. M. Vulcanizing Company  
Gardner Drug Co.  
Garniss-Oliver Co.



General Color and Chemical Company  
Genesco Company, The  
George A. Turner Company  
George E. Chandler Company  
Geo. F. Daniels and Co. Incorporated  
George F. Daniels Company  
George F. Peck Manufacturing Company, The  
George F. Sanborn & Son Co.  
George F. Vester Company  
George J. Tarr Company (1902)  
George M. Edgerton Company  
George Pratt Co.  
George S. Curtis Co.  
George Strong Company  
George W. Bush Co.  
Glasgow Hall Hotel Company, The  
Glidden Manufacturing Company  
Globe Film Company  
Globe Leather Co., Inc.  
Globe Pharmacal Company, The  
Globe Raincoat Company  
Globe Varnish Company, Inc., The  
Goddard Cafeteria Company  
Goodnow Mfg. Co.  
Gordon & Woodbury Co.  
Gordon Hollow Mining & Milling Company  
Gordon Home, Incorporated, The  
Gould & Bancroft Company  
Gould Box Toe Company  
Grand Rapids Furniture Co.  
Granite State Lunch Company  
Grastorf Turner Company  
Greene Advertising Company  
Greenlaw Wallis Company  
Greenough Pickling Company, The  
Greenville Farms Milk Company  
Griffin-Cutler Co.  
Grocers Manufacturing and Sales Company  
Grossman Cap Manufacturing Company, The  
Grout Automobile Company  
Grueby-Faience Company  
Guarantee Trunk and Bag Company  
Gurvitz-Arbeter Company  
H. and B. Manufacturing Company, The

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporations  
dissolved.

H. & G. W. Lord Company  
H. C. H. Fruit Company, Incorporated  
H. D. Hall Company  
H. J. Koehler Sporting Goods Company  
H. L. Gilman Engineering Company  
H. Richards Company  
H. S. Littlefield Company  
H. T. Rhoades Company  
Hallbauer, Maloney, Thesse Company  
Hamlin Street Sprinkler Co.  
Hampden Machine Screw Company  
Hampshire Furniture Company  
Hanson Machine Company  
Harney Brothers Company  
Harold A. Thurlow Company, Inc., The  
Harrington-Thompson Motor Cars Inc.  
Harris Millinery Company  
Harry Eldredge Goodhue Company, The  
Harry N. Atwood Private School of Aviation, Incorporated  
Hartigan Shoe Company  
Hassett and Rogers Incorporated  
Haverhill Gas Company  
Haverhill Steamship Company  
Hawaiian Pinectar, Ltd.  
Hedden Varnish Company, The  
Hendee Manufacturing Company, The, (1910)  
Henderson Motor Company of New England  
Hengren Manufacturing Company  
Henry J. Tracy Company  
Hervey F. Armington Inc.  
Hess Mfg. Co.  
Hibbard Index Company  
Hickman and Doucette, Incorporated  
High Rock Inc.  
Highland Tanning Company  
Hill & Steere, Inc.  
Hill Lock Company, The  
Hill Press, Incorporated, The  
Hodgdon Booking Agency, Inc.  
Hodgdon Brass Works  
Hodgdon-Durand Co.  
Holiday Prints Shop of Boston Inc., The  
Holland Company, Inc., The

Corporations  
dissolved.

Hollings Company  
Holyoke Motor Foundry Company  
Home Dairy Lunch Co.  
Home Drug Company  
Home Furniture Company, The  
Home Supply Company, The  
Hotel Blythe Co., The  
Hotel Westminster Company  
Hovey-Woodberry Company  
Howard Time Recorder Company  
Howes Hydrant Co.  
Howe's Mill Lumber Company  
Hoyt and Wolfe Shoe Company, Inc.  
Hunt Metal Corner Company (1904)  
Huntley Poultry Farms, Inc.  
Hutchinson's Pharmacy, Incorporated  
Hyde Square Grocery Co.  
I-Got-Him Company, The  
Ideal Men's Shop Company  
Idem Manufacturing Company  
Idle Hour Theatre Co.  
Ima-Fiber Company  
Imperial Cloak and Suit Company  
Imperial Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.  
Imperial Toilet Company  
Importers' Bazaar, Incorporated  
Importers' Outlet Company  
Improved Pin Ticket Company, The  
Incomparable Cloak & Suit Company  
Incorporated Realty Associates, The  
Independent Mutual Baking Company, The  
Industrial Machine Company  
Institute Pharmacy Inc.  
Inter-City Amusement Company  
Interchangeable Rubber Heel Company, The  
International Mica Company  
International Telefire Company  
Interstate Oil Company  
Interurban Express Company  
Isador Straus Loan Association, Inc.  
J. Bradbury Company  
J. C. Leighton Co.  
J. F. Connor Laundry Co.  
J. F. Williams Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

J. G. & B. S. Ferguson Company  
J. G. Walker & Son Corporation  
J. H. Green Co.  
J. J. Cross Laundry Company, The  
J. L. Emmons Company  
J. Lanthier & Co., Inc.  
J. R. Ruiter & Co. Incorporated  
J. T. J. Head Company  
J. W. Adams Company  
J. W. Calnan Company  
Jamaica Plain Auto Station, Inc.  
Jamaica Plain Express and Garage Company  
James A. Hart Company  
James Donovan Slipper Company  
Jenkins & Smith Inc.  
Jesse A. Case Co. Inc.  
Jewelry Shop (Incorporated), The  
John Burnham Company  
John D. Lynch Drug Company  
John P. Corbett Company (1913)  
John W. Crooks Chocolate Company  
John W. Moore, Inc.  
Johnson Ladder Company  
Johnson Lumber Co.  
Jones and Company, Incorporated  
Joseph F. Marks, Incorporated  
Joseph S. Donovan Company  
Joseph Wilcox Company  
Kaola Cordial Co.  
Kellmann's Feature Films, Inc.  
Kellmann's Majestic Amusement Co.  
King Printing Company, The  
Kline Kar Auto Company  
Knox Automobile Company  
L. C. Moore Company  
L. C. Stevens Company  
L. Ginsberg Fruit and Produce Co. Inc.  
L. Marino, Incorporated  
L. Robert Tidd Company  
L. T. Robbins Lumber Company, Inc.  
Landers, Frary & Clark Co.  
Lane & Co. Inc.  
Laurie Valve Co.  
Lawrence Gas Generator Company

Lawrence Market Company  
Lawrence Motor Mart, Inc.  
Lawson Pink Food Products Co.  
Lawson-Pratt Sales Company  
Leominster Machine Supply Company  
Leominster Shell Goods Company  
Leona Mining Company  
Leviton Amusement Company, Inc.  
Lewis A. Brown Company  
Lewis H. & F. W. Lovering, Inc.  
Lewis-La Bonté Company  
Liberty Hat Manufacturing Company  
Liberty Shoe Manufacturing Company  
Lilly Brackett Company  
Lincoln and Smith Press  
Lincoln Leather Goods Company, The  
Lincoln Shoe Company  
Live Advertising Company  
Lloyd Coal Company  
Lockeura Company, The  
Long Pond Fishing Company in Yarmouth  
Lord Manufacturing Company  
Louis B. Cadario & Sons, Incorporated  
Louis Cohen Shirt Company  
Louis Miller Co., Inc.  
Louis W. Sumner, Inc.  
Lovett, Hart and Phipps Company  
Lowell Land Company  
Lowell Real Estate Company  
Lozier Motor Company of New England  
Lucy Mill and Lumber Company, The  
Lynn Box Company  
Lynn Clothing Company  
Lynn Co-operative Association  
Lynn Ice & Cold Storage Company  
Lynn Jewish Publishing Company  
M. B. M. Motor Company  
M. D. Malbon Co.  
M. Daly Co.  
M. J. Ryan & Sons Company  
M. J. Silva Company  
M. L. Hewett & Co., Incorporated  
MacLean Produce Company, The  
Machat Feature Film Co.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Macker-Tyler Company  
Mackey Manufacturing Company  
Madam Francis Company  
Maddequet Harbor Hotel Company  
Malaya Exploitation Co.  
Malden Mail Company, The  
Malden Parcel Handle Company Inc.  
Malden Woodenware Company  
Manhattan Company, The  
Manhattan Egg Company  
Manhattan Theatre Company  
Mansur Motor Truck Company  
Manufacturer's Wool Stock Company  
Marathon Automobile Company of Boston, The  
Marcus Contracting Company  
Marcus Loew Boston Booking Agency, The  
Marine Towel Supply Company  
Marinium Paint & Manufacturing Company  
Marion Motor Car Co. of Boston  
Mark-Motor Supply Company  
Markell Drug Company, Inc.  
Marlborough Drug Company, The  
Marshfield Electric Light and Power Company  
Martin Fur Breeding Company  
Marwood Publishing & Sales Company, The  
Mason Cigar Company  
Massachusetts Barbers Supply Company  
Massachusetts Chemical Products Co.  
Massachusetts Contracting Company, The  
Massachusetts Loan Company  
Massachusetts Medical Service Company  
Massachusetts Net Company  
Maxim Chemical & Drug Company  
Mayer & Hirshfeld Incorporated  
Mayfair Manufacturing Company  
Mayo Meat Company  
McCabe and Finzel Company  
McClurg Tire and Rubber Company  
McKinnon Building & Repair Company  
McNeely & Co., Inc.  
Mellor Manufacturing Company, The  
Melville Pharmacy, Incorporated  
Merchants Investment Company  
Merrill's Food and Chemical Company

Merrimac Paper Company (1881)  
Merrimac Witch Hazel Company  
Metal Products Company  
Michigan Motor Company  
Middlesex Co-operative Garden Company  
Middlesex Equitable Association  
Milford and Lake Maspenock Trolleymobile Co.  
Milford Land and Development Co.  
Milford Lyceum Hall Company  
Milford Rubber Cement Company  
Milner Manufacturing Company  
Modern Necessities Company  
Molt Bros. Incorp.  
Monn Product Company  
Montague Laundry Company  
Morash-Friend Co.  
Morse-Readio Auto Company  
Mott Manufacturing Company  
Mount Pleasant Stable Company, The  
Mountain Purity Spring Company  
Mozart Music Company  
N. E. Robbins Co.  
N. S. Abbott Company  
N. Sumergrade and Company, Incorporated  
N. W. Brown Piano Co.  
Nashua River Paper Corporation  
Natick Inter-State Express Company  
National Art Advertising Company  
National Calculator Sales Company of Massachusetts  
National Correspondence Schools, Inc.  
National Credit Company  
National Games Company  
National Loan and Investment Company  
National Motor Car Co. of Worcester, The  
National Shipping Company  
National Stationery & Office Supply Co.  
National Wholesale Millinery Syndicate, Inc., The  
Naumkeag Express Company  
Neely Medical Company  
Nehemiah Lee Coal Company  
Nelson Color Company  
New Bedford Roller Polo Association, Inc.  
New England Black Fox Company  
New England Commercial Paper Co.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Corporations  
dissolved.

New England Contracting Co.  
 New England Electric Vehicle Company  
 New England Export Exposition Company, The  
 New England Feed Company, The  
 New England Fireworks Company, Inc.  
 New England General Utilities Company  
 New England Hardware Company  
 New England Industrial and Educational Exposition  
     Company  
 New England Loan Association, Incorporated  
 New England Metal & Machine Company  
 New England Motorist Company, The  
 New England News Company, The  
 New England Nut Food Co.  
 New England Paper Bag Company  
 New England Paper Stock Company  
 New England Plating and Engraving Company, Inc.,  
     The  
 New England Supply Company  
 New England Transfer Advertising Company  
 New Hotel Company  
 New Light and Supply Company  
 New Premier Theatre Co.  
 New System Dental Company  
 New York and Boston Auto-Bus Company  
 Nielsen-Belcher Co.  
 Nielsen Glove Company  
 Nielsen Smoke Separator Company  
 Non-Corrosive Metal Mfg. Co., The  
 Noreross Properties, Incorporated, The  
 North American Lead & Iron Co.  
 North Egremont Water Company  
 North Shore Motors and Service Company, Incor-  
     porated  
 North Shore Red Granite Company  
 Northampton Emery Wheel Company  
 Northeastern Lunch Company  
 Northern Amusement Company, The  
 Northrup Hotel Company  
 Novelty Braid Co.  
 O. H. Goodman Co., The  
 Ocean Mills Company, The  
 Ogunquit Manufacturing Company  
 Oliver-Hurwitch Co.



Corporations  
dissolved.

Oliver Tailoring Co.  
Olmsted and Tuttle Company  
Orange Street Market Inc.  
Orient Heights Pharmacy, Inc.  
Ornamental Mineral Company  
Orona Manufacturing Company (1912)  
Orthopedic Shoe Company  
Ovington Aviation School of Correspondence  
P. & P. Sales Co., Inc., The  
Page Oil Liniment Co., Inc.  
Palmer and Singer Motor Company of New England  
Palmer Co-operative Association, The  
Palmer Manufacturing Company  
Palmer Renting Company  
Paper Mill Supply Company  
Park Amusement Co., The  
Park Co-operative Society, The  
Park Theatre Amusement Co.  
Parsons-Dalton Co.  
Pastime Amusement Co.  
Paton-Perry Company, The  
Paul Revere Silver Company (1910)  
Payson Mitchell Company  
Peerless Leather Company  
Pemberton Sales Company  
People's Trading Company, The  
Perkins Appliance Company  
Pettingell Machine Company, The  
Phillips Company, The  
Phillips Heater Mfg. Co.  
Phillipsdale Paper Mill Company, The  
Pilgrim Garage & Auto Company  
Pilgrim Leather Manufacturing Company (Incorporated)  
Pine-Croft Greenhouses Incorporated, The  
Pleasant Street Cemetery Corporation  
Port of Boston Docks and Warehouse Company  
Portugal-America Publishing Association  
Portuguese National Wholesale Grocery Company  
Potter, Harris & Company Inc.  
Potter Welding and Brazing Co.  
Premier Motor Car Company of New England  
Prescott Auto Parts Company  
Priest & Smith Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

Prince Cleansing Company Inc.  
Progress Rubber Company  
Prospect Auto Company  
Protex Mills Company  
Public Co-Operative Store Inc.  
Purchasers of H. & J. Brewer Co.'s Springfield Retail  
Store, Inc.  
Puritan Mailing Machine Company  
Puritan Mills  
Puritan Telephone Company  
Quaboag Leather Company  
Quality Toggle Co., The  
Queen Bee Confectionery Company  
Queensboro-Boston Corporation  
Queensbury Mills  
Quincy Beef Company  
Quito Cigar Company Incorporated  
R and G Shoe Company  
R. B. Gage Company  
R. B. Mason Company, Incorporated  
R. Bliss Manufacturing Company  
R. F. Murphy Company  
R. W. Armstrong Co., The  
Rabinowitz Delicatessen and Lunch Company  
Ramsey-Schofield Company  
Randolph Bottling Company (Inc.)  
Rawles-Cobb Company  
Real Estate Investment Company  
Realistic Moving Picture Company, The  
Reccord Chemical Mfg. Co., The  
Red Dragon Cigar Company  
Red Star Bedding Company, The  
Regal Bottling Co.  
Reid Publishing Company  
Réjane Company, The  
Reliable Knitting Company  
Resthaven Sanatorium Inc.  
Revere Boat Company, The  
Rezistol Chemical Co., The  
Rheumo Chemical Co.  
Rice-Engineering Co., Inc.  
Richard H. Booth Co.  
Riverview Laundry Company, The  
Riverview Manufacturing Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

Robt. Cook & Sons Co.  
Rochester Pants Company  
Rock Manufacturing Company  
Rock Oil Motor Company  
Roebbling Construction Company of Massachusetts,  
The  
Romanite Floor & Tile Co., The  
Rosenfeld Goldman Company, The  
Royal & Berkeley Company Inc.  
Royal Fibre Company  
Royal Paper Box Company  
Rural Comedy Co.  
S. C. Swift Company, Inc.  
S-M-C Company  
S. W. Loomis Company  
Salisbury Land and Improvement Company  
Samoset Textile Company  
Sampson Publishing Company  
Sault Manufacturing Company  
Sconset Cottage Club Company  
Scott and Cota Machine Company  
Seth W. Fuller Company  
Shaw Lumber Company  
Shawmut Electric Signal Company  
Shelden Brothers Company  
Sherman Manufacturing Company  
Shirley Amusement Company  
Shirt-Board Advertising Company  
Shoe City Coat Co., Inc.  
Sight-Seeing Auto Company  
Silver Black Fox Breeders Association of Prince Ed-  
ward Island  
Simonds Fruit Company  
Simplex Sales Company  
Sippican Yacht Club  
Sky Fruit and Stock Company  
Solid Shoe Company  
Somers, Hoeckel & Son Company  
Somerset Hotel Company  
Somerville Manufacturing Company, The  
Souhegan Valley Farms, Incorporated  
South End Independent, Incorporated  
South Hadley Falls Electric Light Company, The  
South Shore Construction Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

Southern Mills Company, Inc.  
Spaulding Lunch Company  
Springfield Loan Association  
Springfield News Company, The  
Springfield Wholesale Grocery Company (1909)  
Springfield Wrecking and Lumber Company, The  
Standard Auto Valve Company  
Standard Concrete & Construction Company  
Standard Credit Company  
Standard Handle and Lumber Company  
Standard House Repair Co.  
Standard Scale & Equipment Co., Boston, Mass., The  
Standard Specialty Company, The  
Star Brand Shoe Company Inc.  
Star Button Manufacturing Company  
State Realty Company, The  
Steinfeld Amusement Co., Inc.  
Sterling Valve Company, The  
Stoddard Ice Cream Company, The  
Stone Veneering Company  
Stop Thief Window Lock Company  
Strout Bros. Construction Co.  
Strout Brothers, Incorporated  
Suffolk Manufacturing Company, The  
Summa Carbon and Ribbon Company  
Superior Accessories Company  
Superior Overall Company  
T. T. Connolly Co.  
Tarbett Machine Company  
Taunton Co-operative Grocery Co. Inc., The  
Taxi Motor Cab Company of Boston  
Taxicab Service Company  
Taylor Roofing Co., Inc.  
Tenney-Stoughton Shoe Company  
Tenney Worcester Company  
Thomas and John P. Cavanagh Company  
Thompson Exerciser Company  
Tickton's Pharmacy, Incorporated  
Tilley Brown Company  
Tolman Brothers Manufacturing Company  
Tom Burke of New England, Inc.  
Trackless Transportation Company  
Travers-Smith Co.  
Tremont Manufacturing Co.

Corporations  
dissolved.

Tremont Securities Company  
Tritton & Jenner Company, Ltd.  
Trixolo Company, The  
Tucker Store, Inc., The  
Tuttle & Bryant Co.  
Twin Bowl Cream Separator Company  
“Ultimate” Filter Corporation, The  
Ultra Motor Car Company  
Under-Cut Drill Company  
Union Cutlery and Hardware Company  
Union Drugs Stores Company  
Union Raincoat Company  
Union Tool Company  
Unique Amusement Company  
United Amusement Company  
United Breeders, Inc.  
United Chemical Company  
United Feather Company  
United Grocery Company, Inc.  
United Hospitals Drug Co. (Inc.), The  
United Motion Picture Corporation  
United Motion Picture Theatre Corporation  
United Paper Stock Company  
United Service Auto. Co.  
United Sewing Machinery Company  
United Silver Plate Company  
United States Asphalt Company, The  
United States Lumber Corp.  
United States Match Plate Co.  
United States Shoe Company  
United States Steel Hoop Company  
United System Construction Company  
Unity Investment Corporation  
Unity Loan Company  
Universal Appliance Company (1914)  
Universal Gauge Company, (Limited)  
Universal Machine Company  
Universal Postal Machine Company, The  
Universal Truck Co. of New England  
Uswoco Mills  
Uxbridge Hardware & Furniture Company, The  
Van-Car Leather Company  
Vapowax Chemical Company  
Variety Booking Offices, Incorporated

Corporations  
dissolved.

Vasil MacKay Company, The  
Vendome Lunch Company  
Victoria Aeroplane, Automobile and Amusement Co.  
Vinal Motor Renting Company  
W. E. Thayer Company  
W. F. Corne Company  
W. F. Gruttemeyer and Company, Incorporated  
W. G. King Company  
W. H. Brooke Company  
W. H. Green Vaudeville Agency Inc.  
W. J. Lally Clothing Company  
W. K. Farrington Press  
W. L. Hallett Theatrical Transfer Co.  
W. L. Taylor Company, The  
W. Pence Mitchell Hat Company  
W. S. Lee Co.  
Wachtel-Pickert Company  
Wachusett Rest, Incorporated, The  
Wade Press, Incorporated  
Wallace and Stimpson Co., The  
Waltham Electric Co.  
Waltham Hardware Co.  
Ware Machine & Loom Company  
Warren Chambers Pharmacy Inc.  
Warren Manufacturing and Construction Company,  
The  
Waverley Company  
Waverly Specialty Company  
Wellesley Inn Corporation  
Wellington Company, The  
Wentworth-Lister Company  
West Varnish Co.  
Westcott Motors Co.  
Westerly Shirt Company  
Western Oil Company  
White Eagle Provision Company, (Inc.)  
White Motor Car Company, The  
White River Leather Company  
White Star Laundry, Incorporated  
Whitney, Barney Company  
Whittier Machine Company  
Wikstrom Company incorporated  
Wilbert E. Welch Company, The  
Wm. E. Doyle Co., Inc.

William Gilligan Company  
 William K. Pierce Company  
 Willis C. Bates Company  
 Winton Clothing Company  
 Witch City Auto Co., Inc.  
 Witch City Tanning Company  
 Wood, Clarke Press (Inc.), The  
 Worcester Broken Stone Company  
 Worcester County Automobile Owners Association, Inc.  
 Worcester Foresters of America Building Association  
     in the City of Worcester  
 Worcester News Company, The  
 Worcester Record Company, The  
 Worcester Slipper Company  
 Worcester Terrazzo Tile Works, Inc.  
 Worcester Unit Brick & Tile Company, The  
 Worcester Window Cleaning Co., The  
 Woven Cane Fabric Company, The  
 Wyco Products Company  
 Young and Follett Company, The  
 Young Lobster Company, The  
 Zedren and Clapp Company  
 Zetterman Machinery Company

Corporations  
dissolved.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any suit now pending by or against any corporation mentioned in the first section hereof, nor any suit now pending or hereafter brought for any liability now existing against the stockholders or officers of any such corporation, nor to revive any charter previously annulled or corporation previously dissolved, nor to make valid any defective organization of any of the supposed corporations mentioned in said first section.

Pending suits  
not affected,  
etc.

SECTION 3. Suits upon choses in actions arising out of contracts sold or assigned by any corporation dissolved by this act may be brought or prosecuted in the name of the purchaser or assignee. The fact of sale or assignment and of purchase by the plaintiff shall be set forth in the writ or other process; and the defendant may avail himself of any matter of defence of which he might have availed himself in a suit upon the claim by such corporation, had it not been dissolved by this act.

Proceeding in  
suits upon  
choses in action.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 16, 1915.*

[1884, 309; 1887, 360; 1889, 231; 1890, 205; 1891, 72, 130; 1893, 361; 1909, 224, 231; 1913, 49; 1914, 516.]

Chap.283 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF PURCHASING AGENT  
IN THE CITY OF WALTHAM.

Office of  
purchasing  
agent in  
Waltham,  
established.

To be sub-  
mitted to  
city council,  
etc.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Waltham may, by ordinance, establish the office of purchasing agent in that city, and fix the term of the office and the salary attached thereto, and may transfer to said office such powers and duties now vested in other city boards, departments or offices as the city council, with the approval of the mayor, may designate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of said city, with the approval of the mayor.  
*Approved April 16, 1915.*

Chap.284 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN NEEDY PERSONS BY  
THE STATE FORESTER.

Appropriation  
for the em-  
ployment of  
certain needy  
persons by the  
state forester.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the state forester in the employment of certain needy persons, as authorized by chapter twenty-three of the resolves of the present year, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 16, 1915.*

[1836, 128; 1838, 181; 1841, 120; 1845, 203; 1846, 35; 1847, 82; 1849, 182; 1851, 320; 1852, 261; 1856, 207; 1861, 182; 1868, 83; 1870, 148; 1874, 245; 1875, 173; 1879, 138; 1881, 99; 1889, 235, 415; 1891, 337; 1892, 323; 1893, 429, 467; 1894, 190; 1895, 187, 261, 466; 1896, 283, 415; 1897, 95; 1898, 173; 1900, 255; 1904, 188; 1905, 337; 1906, 229; 1907, 242; 1908, 148; 1911, 645.]

Chap.285 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CEMETERY  
COMMISSIONERS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL.

Appointment  
of cemetery  
commissioners.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The powers and duties now exercised and performed by the commissioner of public property and licenses of the city of Lowell shall hereafter be vested in a board of five cemetery commissioners, to be appointed by the mayor. Of the said five commissioners not less than



three shall be owners of lots in a public burial ground in said city. The said commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall be appointed in the first instance for terms of one, two, three, four and five years respectively, and thereafter as vacancies occur they shall be filled by the appointment of a commissioner for the term of five years. The commissioners shall elect one of their number chairman and shall appoint such other officers as they may deem expedient.

SECTION 2. The said commissioners shall annually in January present a report to the mayor of their doings for the preceding year, including a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of each cemetery under their control and of all gifts and bequests, in trust or otherwise, made to said city for the care of any of the cemeteries under the charge of said commissioners, or of any lot therein, or for any other purpose relative thereto. To make annual report.

SECTION 3. So much of chapter six hundred and forty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven as is inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FISHERIES AND GAME. Chap. 286

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for expenditures incurred by the board of commissioners on fisheries and game, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: — Appropriation, board of commissioners on fisheries and game.

For compensation of the commissioners, a sum not exceeding sixty-one hundred and twenty dollars. Commissioners, salaries.

For travelling and incidental office expenses, including printing and binding the annual report, a sum not exceeding sixty-two hundred dollars. Travelling expenses, etc.

For clerical services, a sum not exceeding fifty-one hundred dollars. Clerical services.

For enforcement of the laws relating to fisheries and game, including the salaries and expenses of deputies, forty-eight thousand dollars. Enforcement of laws, etc.

Stocking of ponds, etc.

For stocking great ponds with food fish, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Fish hatcheries.

For the establishment of fish hatcheries, as authorized by chapter six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

Maintenance, etc.

For the maintenance of fish hatcheries, the propagation of food and game fish, and for the purchase of lobsters with eggs attached, and for the establishment of bird and game preserves and for the maintenance of game farms for the protection and propagation of wild birds and quadrupeds, a sum not exceeding sixty-six thousand and eighty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*

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*Chap.287* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN TO SUPPLY ITSELF AND ITS INHABITANTS WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Belchertown may supply itself with water, etc.

SECTION 1. The town of Belchertown may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes; may establish fountains and hydrants and relocate or discontinue the same, and may regulate the use of such water, and fix and collect rates to be paid therefor.

May purchase waters of ponds, etc.

SECTION 2. Said town, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold the waters of any pond or stream, or of any ground sources of supply, taken by means of driven, artesian or other wells, within the limits of the said town not already owned or acquired by the city of Springfield, acting under its statutory rights, and the water rights connected with any such water sources, and may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, storing, holding, purifying and preserving the purity of the water, and for conveying the same to any part of said town: *provided, however*, that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water shall be taken or used without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health, and that the situation of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said department. Said town may construct on the lands acquired and held under the provisions of this act proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks,

Proviso.

May construct dams, etc.

buildings, fixtures and other structures, and may make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances and do such other things as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under or over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in the town of Belchertown, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all proper purposes of this act, said town may dig up or raise and embank any such lands, highways, or other ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel on such ways. Said town shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Restrictions.

SECTION 3. Said town shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county and district within which the same are situated, a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all land taken or acquired in any way under the provisions of this act shall vest in the town of Belchertown, and the land so acquired may be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, in such manner as they shall deem for the best interest of the town.

Description of property taken to be recorded, etc.

Title, how vested.

SECTION 4. Said town shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by the town under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with said town as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken

Damages.

Damages.

for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within the period of two years after the taking of such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of the said two years, and no assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water or water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said town under authority of this act. Said town may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages caused by such taking shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in such event the town shall be further liable only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

May purchase property of Belchertown Water Company.

SECTION 5. The said town may purchase the water rights, estate, franchises, and privileges of the Belchertown Water Company, which was incorporated by chapter three hundred and fifty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

Town of Belchertown, Water Loan, Act of 1915.

SECTION 6. Said town, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of Belchertown Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date, shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan, and the amount of the annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of principal payable in any subsequent year. Said town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 7. Said town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan, provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the first

issue of said bonds or notes, as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan is extinguished.

SECTION 8. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property, owned, held or used by said town under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the said town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon being convicted of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding one year. Penalty.

SECTION 9. Said town shall, after the acceptance of this act, at a legal meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners; and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said water commissioners, who shall be subject however to such instructions, rules and regulations as the town may impose by its vote. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the town at any legal town meeting called for the purpose. Any such vacancy may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the selectmen, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the town fills the vacancy in the manner herein provided for. Commissioners, term, election, etc.

SECTION 10. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall Powers and duties.

Powers and  
duties.

Net surplus,  
how applied.

Report.

Act to be  
submitted to  
voters, etc.

prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the town appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters of the town of Belchertown present and voting thereon at a legal meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage; but it shall become void unless the town of Belchertown shall begin to distribute water to consumers in said town within three years after the date of the acceptance of this act as aforesaid. For the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*

[1912, 484; 1913, 557.]

*Chap.288* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF AMHERST TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Amherst may  
borrow money  
to construct  
a sewerage  
system.

SECTION 1. The town of Amherst, for the purpose of constructing a sewerage system in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, is hereby authorized to borrow, outside of the statutory limit of indebtedness, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount authorized by the said chapter, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor. Such bonds or notes shall be denominated on their face, Amherst

Sewerage Loan, Act of 1915; shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Bonds or notes issued under authority of this act shall be paid from the revenues provided by the said chapter four hundred and eighty-four, and the provisions of that chapter shall apply to proceedings under this act, except as is otherwise provided herein.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*

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[1915, 170, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES OF THE CITY OF FITCHBURG.

*Chap. 289*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Fitchburg for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen shall, as soon after its organization as may be convenient, elect by joint ballot in convention a city treasurer and collector of taxes, who shall hold his office for the term of three years next ensuing, and until his successor is elected and qualified; and thereafter as vacancies occur in the said office, they shall be filled in the same manner and for the same term: *provided*, that if a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term; and *provided, also*, that the said officer may be removed at any time by the city council for sufficient cause. The compensation of the said officer shall be fixed by concurrent vote of the city council.

Term of office  
of treasurer and  
collector of  
taxes of city  
of Fitchburg.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. So much of section fourteen of chapter eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

To be sub-  
mitted to city  
council, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *provided*, that before that date it shall be accepted by the city council of the city of Fitchburg, with the approval of the mayor.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*

[1914, 313.]

*Chap.290* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DUXBURY FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT TO RETIRE CERTAIN BONDS AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS TERRITORY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Duxbury Fire  
and Water  
District may  
retire certain  
bonds, etc.

SECTION 1. The Duxbury Fire and Water District, established by chapter three hundred and thirteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, acting by its treasurer, with the approval of the commissioners, is hereby authorized to purchase for cancellation or to pay at maturity from any money in the treasury outstanding bonds of the said district not exceeding ten thousand dollars maturing in the years nineteen hundred and fifteen to nineteen hundred and nineteen inclusive, and not to exceed two thousand dollars of bonds maturing in any one year.

Certain in-  
habitants may  
be added to  
district.

SECTION 2. The inhabitants of the town of Duxbury liable to taxation in said town and residing within any section of said town described by metes and bounds may be added to and become a part of the body corporate of the Duxbury Fire and Water District. The territory thereby annexed to said district and the inhabitants therein residing shall have all the rights, powers and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities and duties pertaining to said district according to the provisions of said chapter three hundred and thirteen upon the acceptance of this act by the voters of any such section, as provided in section three of this act. Said district is authorized to extend its water service to its boundaries and beyond for the purpose of selling water to individuals, municipalities or corporations outside of said district; and for the purpose herein mentioned said district may issue bonds or notes in addition to the amount already authorized, but not exceeding seventy-five per cent of the estimated cost of such extension of water service.

Issue of bonds.

Time of taking  
effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage, except that section two shall not take effect until accepted both by a majority vote of the voters of any section proposed to be added to said district, present and voting thereon at



a meeting called in the manner provided by section eight of said chapter three hundred and thirteen, and by a vote of said district by a majority vote of the voters present and voting at a meeting duly called.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL TO GRANT LAND TO THE TOWN OF NORFOLK FOR WIDENING AND STRAIGHTENING MAIN STREET IN SAID TOWN. Chap.291

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Norfolk state hospital are hereby authorized to grant to the town of Norfolk such part of the lands held by the commonwealth for the Norfolk state hospital in the said town as may be necessary to widen, straighten and re-locate Main street through and along the lands of the commonwealth, in such manner and to such extent as may mutually be agreed upon by the said trustees and the selectmen of the said town, and said trustees are authorized to receive in exchange therefor such parts of the existing highway as may be abandoned by said widening and straightening and re-location where the land of the commonwealth abuts on the part so abandoned.

Trustees of  
Norfolk state  
hospital may  
grant certain  
land to town  
of Norfolk.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 22, 1915.*

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN LINES OF THE HAMPDEN RAILROAD CORPORATION. Chap.292

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The time within which the Hampden Railroad Corporation, incorporated under the general law in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, shall locate and complete its lines to Holyoke and Chicopee Falls, and open them for use, is extended to the first day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Time extended  
for operation  
of certain  
lines of the  
Hampden  
Railroad  
Corporation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the sixteenth of April, 1915, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

[1915, 270, Spec.]

*Chap.293* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TUNNEL  
OR SUBWAY IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY  
OF BOSTON AND THE REMOVAL OF THE ELEVATED RAILWAY  
STRUCTURE IN SAID DISTRICT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Construction  
of tunnel or  
subway in  
Charlestown  
district of  
Boston, etc.

SECTION 1. The Boston transit commission shall construct a tunnel or subway from a point at or near City square to a point at, near or beyond Sullivan square in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston, under the same provisions as to construction, payment and use that are provided by law for the construction, payment and use of the present tunnel under Washington street in the city of Boston.

Elevated  
structure to  
be removed.

SECTION 2. The present elevated structure now operated and maintained between City square and Sullivan square, along Main street, shall, upon the construction of the tunnel or subway herein provided for, be removed, the same being detrimental to the public welfare and a menace to public health, and the expense of the removal shall be considered a part of the cost of construction of said tunnel or subway.

Commissioners  
to assess  
damages,  
benefits, etc.

SECTION 3. Upon the carrying out of the provisions aforesaid, the superior court for the county of Suffolk, upon petition of the city, company or any party in interest, shall appoint three commissioners who shall determine the damages, if any, sustained by the company over and above the benefit, if any, which the company receive by the carrying out of said provisions, and the damages so determined shall be paid by the city and considered a part of the cost of said tunnel or subway. The commissioners shall, within three years after the carrying out of the said provisions, determine the benefits, if any, received by the several parcels of real estate abutting on the parts of the streets from which said structure shall have been removed and shall assess upon every such parcel a betterment consisting of a proportionate part, not exceeding one half of the cost of carrying out the said provisions and not exceeding one half of the benefit received by the parcel.

Assessment of  
betterments.

Payment of  
assessments.

SECTION 4. The owners of parcels so assessed shall pay to the city each year one twenty-fifth of the amount assessed on their respective parcels, with interest at four per cent per annum on the part of the assessment remaining unpaid, and

the amount of the rental to be paid by the company shall be reduced by the total amount of the assessments paid during the year. Any owner may pay the whole or any unpaid balance of his assessment, and in such case the city shall hold the same and use one twenty-fifth thereof each year in reduction of the rental.

SECTION 5. If any party in interest is dissatisfied with the determination of the commissioners, he or it may have damages or betterments determined by a jury or by a justice of said court on petition therefor filed in said court within one year after the determination; and all laws relating to the determination of damages and betterments for the laying out of highways in said city shall, so far as they may be applicable, govern in such matters under this act.

*Approved April 23, 1915.*

[1915, 297, Spec.]

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[1890, 357; 1893, 330; 1901, 312; 1903, 130; 1907, 202; 1911, 132.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO INCUR  
ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS FOR SEWERAGE PURPOSES. *Chap. 294*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Pittsfield is hereby authorized, for the purpose of laying out and constructing sewers and a system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal, to issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, outside the statutory limit of indebtedness and in addition to the amounts which the city was authorized by chapter three hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, to borrow for sewerage purposes. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Pittsfield Sewerage Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable within periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue, shall bear interest payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the mayor of the city. The city may from time to time sell the said securities, or any part thereof, at public or private sale, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds, except premiums, shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

City of Pittsfield may borrow money for sewerage purposes.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 2. The city shall, at the time of authorizing the said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan, and the amount of principal and interest payable in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. When a vote to the foregoing effect has been passed, the amount required thereby shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by the city is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 24, 1915.*

[1726, 98; Sp. Laws, Vol. 1, p. 227; 1836, 82.]

*Chap.295* AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE FIRST PARISH IN BRADFORD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

First Parish  
in Bradford,  
dissolved.

SECTION 1. The First Parish in Bradford, a corporation organized under and by virtue of chapter ninety-eight of the acts of the year seventeen hundred and twenty-six, is hereby dissolved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

[1835, 15; 1851, 205.]

*Chap.296* AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BRADFORD MEETING HOUSE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Proprietors of  
Bradford  
Meeting House,  
dissolved.

SECTION 1. The Proprietors of the Bradford Meeting House, a corporation organized under and by virtue of chapter fifteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, as amended by chapter two hundred and five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, is hereby dissolved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

[1915, 293, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A SUBWAY STATION AT OR NEAR THE  
CORNER OF BOYLSTON AND ARLINGTON STREETS IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON. Chap. 297

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section five of Part I of chapter seven hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "square", in the eighteenth line, the words: — at or near the corner of Boylston and Arlington streets, — so that the first paragraph of said section will read as follows: — The commission shall construct in the city of Boston a subway (hereinafter called the Boylston street subway) so designed as to be adapted to contain two railway tracks, commencing with an open cut at or near the junction of Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street, thence continuing to, in, and under Commonwealth avenue, Charlesgate west, the Fenway, Charlesgate east, Newbury street, crossing under Massachusetts avenue; thence passing under or across private land and land of the city of Boston to a point under Boylston street near Hereford street; thence under Boylston street to a point at or near its junction with Arlington street; thence in and under public ways and public or private lands by such route as the commission may determine, to a point at or near the junction of Boylston street and Tremont street, and thence in or under Tremont street and public lands to a point at or near the Park street station of the Tremont street subway, together with stations at Massachusetts avenue, at Copley square, at or near the corner of Boylston and Arlington streets, at or near the corner of Boylston and Tremont streets, and at or near Park street. Instead of constructing said subway as a continuous line from Arlington street to Park street station, the commission may connect said subway at or near the junction of Boylston street and Tremont street with the tracks of the present Tremont street subway, and between that point and the Park street station may either enlarge the present Tremont street subway so as to provide for two additional tracks, or may construct a separate subway adapted to contain two railway tracks, connecting the

1911, 741,  
§ 5, Part I,  
amended.

Construction  
of subway  
station at or  
near the corner  
of Boylston  
and Arlington  
streets in  
Boston.

same with the present Tremont street subway and the tracks located therein.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect when accepted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

[1915, 376, Spec.]

*Chap.298* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CONTINUING THE PUBLICATION OF THE PROVINCE LAWS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation for continuing publication of province laws.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, for the purpose of completing the preparation and publication of the acts and resolves of the province of Massachusetts bay, to wit: —

Editor, salary.

For the salary of the editor, two thousand dollars.

Clerical services, etc.

For clerical services and a messenger, a sum not exceeding thirty-two hundred dollars.

Stationery, postage, etc.

For stationery, postage, travelling and other expenses, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Printing and binding.

For printing and binding such volumes as may be completed, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

*Chap.299* AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BARRE IN THE PRESENT YEAR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Annual town meeting of Barre in present year validated.

SECTION 1. The acts and proceedings of the town of Barre at the annual town meeting in the current year, and all acts done in pursuance thereof, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if the said meeting had been conducted in strict compliance with law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

[1915, 189, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY THE CITY OF BOSTON. Chap. 300*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one, by section one of chapter one hundred and seventy of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three, by section one of chapter two hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, by section one of chapter three hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, by section one of chapter seven hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, and by section one of chapter six hundred and fifteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 1.* The school committee of the city of Boston, in each year, by vote of four fifths of all of its members, taken by yeas and nays, may make an appropriation in one sum for constructing and furnishing new school buildings, including the taking of land therefor, and for school yards and the preparing of school yards for use, and may also make an appropriation in one sum for repairs and alterations of school buildings, and may make such other appropriations by items for the support of the public schools as it deems necessary. The total amount thus to be appropriated for the public schools of the city and their support, in addition to the money which may be given therefor, the income collected, the balance of appropriations of preceding years, and the money which may be authorized by acts of the general court passed prior to the year nineteen hundred and fifteen and not repealed, shall not exceed the following sums for the periods specified, to wit: — for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and for each financial year thereafter, four dollars and seven cents upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation upon which the appropriations of the city council are based; and the amounts which may so be raised shall be appropriated by the school committee as aforesaid, and shall

1898, 400, § 1,  
etc., amended.Appropriations  
for Boston  
public schools.Total amount  
not to exceed  
certain sums,  
etc.

Proportion for new buildings, etc., and repairs, etc.

Proviso.

be a part of and be met by taxes within the tax limit; and of said amounts not more than thirty cents upon every such one thousand dollars shall be appropriated solely for new school buildings, lands, yards and furnishings as aforesaid, and not more than thirty-five cents upon every such one thousand dollars shall be appropriated solely for repairs and alterations of school buildings: *provided, however*, that if of said amounts less than thirty cents upon every such one thousand dollars shall be appropriated solely for new school buildings, lands, yards and furnishings as aforesaid, the balance remaining of such appropriation for new school buildings, lands, yards and furnishings shall be certified by the school committee to the mayor and shall be added to the amount upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation on which the appropriations of the city council are based, and may be appropriated for other than school purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 27, 1915.*

[This act repealed by 1915, 372, Spec.] [1915, 304, Spec.]

[1907, 567; 1914, 343.]

Chap.301 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SEWERAGE LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Wellesley may make an additional sewerage loan.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under chapter five hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, the town of Wellesley may incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the amounts authorized by said chapter five hundred and sixty-seven, and may issue therefor from time to time bonds or notes which shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the town. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Wellesley Sewerage Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable within periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue, and shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum. They shall be signed by the treasurer of the town, and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen. The town may from time to time sell the said securities, or any part thereof, at public or private sale, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The proceeds shall be retained in the treasury,



and the treasurer shall, upon the order of the board of sewer commissioners, pay therefrom the expenses incurred for the purposes aforesaid.

SECTION 2. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan, and the amount of the principal and interest payable upon any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. When a vote to the foregoing effect has been passed, the amount required thereby, less the amount that may be appropriated therefor, as provided in the following section, shall without further vote be assessed by the assessors of the town in each year thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred under authority of this act is extinguished.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 3. The receipts from sewer assessments and from payments made in lieu thereof shall be applied by the board of sewer commissioners to the payment of charges and expenses incident to the maintenance and operation of said system of sewerage, or to the extension thereof, except that the town may apply any part of such receipts to the payment of the interest upon bonds or notes issued under authority of this act, and not otherwise provided for, or to the payment or redemption of such bonds or notes, as the town shall by vote determine; and the said receipts shall be used for no other purpose. If such receipts shall not in any year be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid, the town shall raise forthwith by taxation, in the same manner in which money is raised and appropriated for other town purposes, the balance required therefor.

Receipts from  
assessments,  
etc., how  
applied.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

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[1902, 255; 1910, 601; 1911, 465; 1913, 765.]

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THROUGH SERVICE OVER THE LINES  
OF THE SPRINGFIELD AND BERKSHIRE STREET RAILWAY  
COMPANIES.

*Chap. 302*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section five of chapter six hundred and one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Said company

1910, 601, § 5,  
amended.

Through  
service over  
lines of  
Springfield and  
Berkshire  
street railway  
companies  
facilitated.

may, however, connect its tracks with the tracks of the Springfield Street Railway Company in the town of Huntington, and said two companies may make contracts for the operation of through cars from any point on the railway of one company to any point on the railway of the other company and for the interchange of passenger, freight and express service and traffic, as fully and to the same extent as is permitted to other connecting street railway companies under the general laws, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 5.* Except as specially authorized by the general court the Berkshire Street Railway Company shall not, after the acceptance of this act as provided in section six, be authorized under the provisions of sections fifty-two and fifty-five of Part III of chapter four hundred and sixty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, to lease or to purchase the franchise and property of, or to consolidate or make any operating contract with, any other street railway company organized under the laws of, and now owning or operating a street railway within the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said company may, however, connect its tracks with the tracks of the Springfield Street Railway Company in the town of Huntington, and said two companies may make contracts for the operation of through cars from any point on the railway of one company to any point on the railway of the other company and for the interchange of passenger, freight and express service and traffic, as fully and to the same extent as is permitted to other connecting street railway companies under the general laws.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

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*Chap.303* AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE BEACH AND SHORE AT THE REVERE BEACH RESERVATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation  
for protection  
of beach, etc.,  
at Revere  
beach reservation.

SECTION 1. A sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, to be expended by the metropolitan park commission for the purpose of constructing a concrete bulkhead or retaining wall for the protection of the Revere beach reservation from the ocean; this sum to be covered by assessments upon cities and towns in the metropolitan district, in accordance with the provisions of

chapter four hundred and sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

[1915, 300, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING AND SUPERVISING STAFF OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON. *Chap. 304*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Sections four and six of chapter five hundred and eighty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by sections two and three of chapter six hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, are hereby further amended by striking out the word "five", wherever it occurs in said sections, and inserting in place thereof the word: — seven, — and by striking out the words "purposes contemplated by this act", in the fifth line of said section four, and inserting in place thereof the words: — purpose of paying pensions at the rates already established by section seven of chapter five hundred and eighty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by section three of chapter six hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* In addition to the amount which the school committee is now authorized by law to appropriate for the support of the public schools of the city, and for other purposes, it shall annually appropriate for the purpose of paying pensions at the rates already established by section seven of chapter five hundred and eighty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by section three of chapter six hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, and in the same manner in which it makes appropriations for other school purposes, the sum of seven cents upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation on which the appropriations of the city council of the city are based, and shall from time to time pay to the treasurer of the permanent pension fund such portions of the proceeds of said seven cents upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation aforesaid as, in the opinion of the school committee, will not be needed for the purpose of paying pensions to teachers during that year. Accrued interest not expended

1908, 589, §§ 4  
and 6, etc.,  
amended.

Payment of  
pensions to  
teachers, etc.,  
in Boston  
public schools.

Total pensions payable not to exceed certain amount.

during any year shall be available for the payment of pensions during any subsequent year. *Section 6.* The total amount of pensions payable hereunder in any one year shall not exceed the proceeds of the said seven cents upon each one thousand dollars of the valuation aforesaid, together with the accrued interest of the permanent fund. In case the amount available in any one year under this act is not sufficient to pay the pensions that have been granted, the amount so available shall be divided pro rata among those to whom pensions have been or may be granted on the basis of the amount of the pension each is then receiving: *provided*, that in no case, nor in any year, shall the pension of any person retired after thirty years of service be less than three hundred and twelve dollars.

Proviso.

Tax limit increased.

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act the limit of the amount of taxes on property in the city of Boston is increased two cents on each one thousand dollars of the valuation upon which the appropriations by the city council of the city are based.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

[1915, 372, Spec.]

*Chap.305* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE LAKEVILLE STATE SANATORIUM TO LAY WATER PIPES IN AND UNDER HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWN OF LAKEVILLE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Trustees of Lakeville state sanatorium may lay water pipes, etc., in town of Lakeville.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of obtaining an additional water supply the trustees of the Lakeville state sanatorium are hereby authorized to construct and maintain in and under highways, private ways and private land in the town of Lakeville, such water mains and pipes as may be necessary from a point on the Nemasket river near Bridge street in the said town to the premises of the sanatorium. For this purpose the trustees may dig up and temporarily obstruct any way in the said town, but only in such manner as will cause the least possible inconvenience to the citizens of the town, and they shall restore the way to the same condition in which it was before the said work was done.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SHIRLEY-EUSTIS MANSION ON *Chap.306*  
SHIRLEY STREET IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter five hundred and fifty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston shall not, prior to the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, apply to the Shirley-Eustis mansion, so-called, situated on Shirley street in the city of Boston and formerly occupied by a colonial governor and by a governor of the commonwealth: *provided*, that, in the meantime, the house shall not be used as a dwelling house or for any other purpose except to provide for its preservation and restoration as an example of a colonial executive mansion; and *provided*, that it shall be occupied only by a caretaker and his assistants.

Certain provisions of law not to apply to Shirley-Eustis mansion in Boston.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 27, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFICIENCIES IN *Chap.307*  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES AUTHORIZED IN  
THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for certain expenses in excess of appropriations therefor in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, unless it is otherwise specified herein, to wit: —

Appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations in 1914.

For incidental and contingent expenses in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding one hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventy-two cents.

Incidental expenses etc., in office of secretary.

For postage and expressage on documents, and for printing and mailing copies of bills and resolves to certain state, city and town officials, as approved by the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding eleven hundred forty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents.

Postage and expressage on documents, etc.

For blanks for town officers, election laws, and blanks and instructions on all matters relating to elections, and for the expense of advertising the state ticket, as approved by the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding seven hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty cents.

Blanks, election laws, etc.

Clerical assistance, etc., of civil service commission.

For clerical assistance, and for office printing, travelling and incidental expenses, advertising and stationery, as approved by the civil service commission, a sum not exceeding eight hundred seventy-seven dollars and twenty-three cents.

District attorneys' travel.

For travelling expenses of certain district attorneys, as authorized by law, a sum not exceeding four hundred twenty-six dollars and forty-three cents.

Travelling, etc., expenses of board of conciliation and arbitration.

For travelling, incidental and contingent expenses, and the compensation of expert assistants, as approved by the board of conciliation and arbitration, a sum not exceeding three hundred eleven dollars and twenty cents.

Repair, etc., of United States ships, etc.

For furnishing, repair and care of any United States ships loaned to the commonwealth for the use of the naval militia, upon vouchers approved by the adjutant general, a sum not exceeding eight hundred sixteen dollars and eighteen cents.

Instruction in riding.

For giving instruction in riding to non-commissioned officers and others who are required by law to be mounted, upon vouchers approved by the adjutant general, a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixty dollars.

Certain compensation to members of militia.

For certain compensation of officers and men of the volunteer militia for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, upon vouchers approved by the adjutant general, a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents.

Rifle practice.

For certain expenses incurred for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen in connection with the rifle practice of the militia, upon vouchers approved by the adjutant general, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance, etc., of state forester.

For clerical assistance and incidental and contingent expenses, upon vouchers approved by the state forester, a sum not exceeding one hundred fourteen dollars and seventy-two cents.

Norfolk state hospital, maintenance.

For the maintenance of the Norfolk state hospital, upon vouchers approved by the trustees thereof, a sum not exceeding thirteen hundred twenty-four dollars and sixty-six cents.

Gardner state colony, maintenance.

For the maintenance of the Gardner state colony, upon vouchers approved by the trustees thereof, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand seven hundred twenty-nine dollars and ninety-three cents.

Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded.

For the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, upon vouchers approved by the trustees thereof, a sum not

exceeding twenty-five hundred three dollars and fifty-eight cents.

For the Worcester state asylum, upon vouchers approved by the trustees thereof, a sum not exceeding fifty-four hundred seventy-three dollars and sixty cents. Worcester state asylum.

For the Rutland state sanatorium, upon vouchers approved by the trustees of Massachusetts hospitals for consumptives, a sum not exceeding sixty-nine hundred forty-four dollars and ninety-three cents. Rutland state sanatorium.

For the Westfield state sanatorium, upon vouchers approved by the trustees of Massachusetts hospitals for consumptives, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven hundred ninety-one dollars and seventy-eight cents. Westfield state sanatorium.

For the following expenses upon vouchers approved by the commissioner of education:— Commissioner of education.

For travelling expenses of the commissioner, deputy, agents and assistants, a sum not exceeding one hundred sixty-seven dollars and sixty-nine cents. Travelling expenses.

For the payment of tuition of children in high schools outside of the town in which they reside, a sum not exceeding eleven hundred sixty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents. Tuition in high schools.

For the instruction of the adult blind at their homes by the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, a sum not exceeding three hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventeen cents. Instruction of adult blind.

For the education of deaf pupils of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding twenty-six hundred and eleven dollars. Education of deaf pupils.

For the support of the state normal school at Hyannis, a sum not exceeding two hundred thirty-one dollars and ninety-four cents. Normal school at Hyannis.

For the support of the state normal school at Framingham, a sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. Normal school at Framingham.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PORT OF BOSTON. Chap. 308

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the Port of Boston Fund, for salaries and expenses of the directors of the port of Boston, Appropriations, directors of the port of Boston.

for the year ending November thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit: —

Directors,  
salaries.

For the salaries of the directors of the port, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars.

Clerks and  
assistants.

For the salaries of clerks and assistants, and for contingent expenses of said board, to include printing and binding their report, a sum not exceeding sixty-two thousand dollars.

Publicity  
bureau.

For expenses necessary in the establishing and maintaining of a publicity bureau for the purpose of properly advertising the port of Boston, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 27, 1915.*

[Salem, 1915, 169, Spec.; Beverly 1915, 266, Spec.]

Chap.309 AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIVERTING THE WATERS OF THE IPSWICH RIVER AND TO THE INSTALLING OF MEASURING AND RECORDING DEVICES BY THE SALEM AND BEVERLY WATER SUPPLY BOARD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Diverting the  
waters of the  
Ipswich river,  
etc.

SECTION 1. The Salem and Beverly water supply board, established by chapter seven hundred of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, may, in addition to the powers conferred upon said board by said chapter seven hundred, for the purpose of providing a further water supply for the use of the city of Salem and its inhabitants and of the city of Beverly and its inhabitants, take and divert the waters of the Ipswich river and its tributaries at any point designated by the state department of health between the Newburyport turnpike and a point one thousand feet easterly of the bridge of the Newburyport branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad, over said river: *provided, however,* that in case the point of taking shall be below any stream flowing into the river east of the Newburyport turnpike the said board and its successors shall bear all expense of changes that may be deemed necessary by said board or which may become necessary through any rules or regulations established by the state department of health, in any structure, building, or other works existing at the time of the passage of this act within the watershed of such stream or the watershed of the Ipswich river between the said stream and the point

Proviso.



of intake or anywhere in said part of the river, or for removing any pollution therefrom or for purifying or otherwise disposing of sewage from any dwelling or other structure within the watershed of said stream or such part of the river.

SECTION 2. The measuring and recording devices required by the provisions of said chapter seven hundred may be placed at such point or points as the state department of health may designate in the Ipswich river, or in the canal across Wenham swamp from the Ipswich river to the upland at the southeasterly edge of the swamp which the said board is about to construct for the diversion of the waters of said river to Wenham lake, or at the pumping station to be constructed by said board for said purpose at the southeasterly end of said canal, or at any other suitable point or points.

Installing of measuring and recording devices.

SECTION 3. If the canal mentioned in the preceding section, or the takings of land for the same, cross any public or private ways in the town of Wenham, the board shall take such measures as may be agreed upon by the board and the selectmen of the town of Wenham for providing access to the lands to which said ways lead, or, in default of such agreement, the board shall take such measures for the above purpose as may be fixed by the county commissioners for the county of Essex and the state department of health, sitting jointly upon the matter.

Access to lands, etc., to be provided.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

[Salem, 1915, 316, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FREIGHT CHARGES MADE BY THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY. *Chap. 310*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The New York Central Railroad Company may refund to the Wellesley Gravel Company, a Maine corporation, the sum of seven hundred twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents, the said amount having been paid by it for freight charges on gravel shipped from East Boston to East Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the month of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen, if and when the public service commission shall find that the charges made were unreasonable.

New York Central Railroad Company may refund certain freight charges.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

[Sp. Laws, Vol. 3, p. 299; 1909, 77.]

**Chap.311** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS FOR  
THE SUPPORT OF A CONGREGATIONAL GOSPEL MINISTER  
IN THE FIRST PARISH IN BRADFORD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Name changed. SECTION 1. The name of the Trustees of the Funds for the Support of a Congregational Gospel Minister in the First Parish in Bradford, incorporated by chapter seventy-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and three, is hereby changed to the Trustees of the Funds for the Support of a Congregational Gospel Minister in the First Church of Christ, Bradford.

1803, 76, § 1,  
amended.

Incorporation.

SECTION 2. Section one of said chapter seventy-six is hereby amended by striking out the words "First Parish in", in the fifteenth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — First Church of Christ, — so as to read as follows: —  
*Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That Nathaniel Thurston, James Kimball, Asa Gage, Joseph Chadwick, Richard Walker, Samuel Webster, Edward Kimball, Benjamin Walker, Peter Gage, Francis Kimball, John Griffin, Edmund Kimball, Uriah Gage, Richard Woodman, Jesse Kimball, Daniel Carleton, and Timothy Phillips, be and they are hereby appointed Trustees, to manage such funds, as are, or shall be raised and appropriated to the use aforesaid, and for that purpose, they and their successors, are hereby incorporated, into a body corporate and politic forever, by the name of "The Trustees of the Funds for the Support of a Congregational Gospel Minister, in the First Church of Christ, Bradford;" and the said trustees shall have and keep a common seal, subject to be changed or altered at pleasure, and may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend to final judgement and execution. And the number of trustees shall never be less than seven, and five shall form a quorum for doing business.*

1803, 76, § 3,  
amended.

SECTION 3. Section three of said chapter seventy-six, as amended by chapter seventy-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "now settled, or that may hereafter be settled in the said first parish", in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — in the First Church of Christ, Bradford, — so as to read as fol-

lows: — *Section 3. And be it further enacted,* That the afore-  
 said fund shall be put to use or interest, and the annual  
 interest of said fund shall be applied to discharge the salary  
 of the congregational gospel minister in the First Church of  
 Christ, Bradford: *provided, however,* that should the said  
 trustees be possessed of a capital, the annual interest whereof  
 shall be more than sufficient to discharge the salary afore-  
 said, the surplus sum may be applied to the payment of  
 the other necessary expenses arising from supporting said  
 congregational worship, or for the support of schools, as  
 the said trustees from time to time shall direct; or the  
 same may be appropriated to augment said fund, within the  
 limitation hereafter expressed. And the said trustees are  
 hereby made capable of holding as aforesaid, real and personal  
 estate, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars;  
 and no part of the capital of said fund shall ever be expended.

Use of fund.

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SECTION 4. Section four of said chapter seventy-six is  
 hereby amended by inserting after the word “duty”, in  
 the ninth line, the words: — All of the trustees shall be  
 residents of Haverhill, and two thirds of said trustees shall  
 be members of the First Church of Christ, Bradford, — and  
 by striking out the word “Society”, in the twelfth line,  
 and inserting in place thereof the word: — Haverhill, — and  
 by striking out the words “Congregational Society”, in  
 the last line, and inserting in place thereof the words: —  
 First Church of Christ, Bradford, — so as to read as fol-  
 lows: — *Section 4. And be it further enacted,* That the  
 trustees for the time being, may elect a president, clerk,  
 and treasurer; and the clerk and treasurer shall be under  
 oath faithfully to perform their duty; and the treasurer  
 shall receive into his hands the monies from said trustees,  
 and under their direction put the same to use or interest,  
 with sufficient security for the same, having previously  
 himself given bonds to said trustees, with sufficient sureties  
 to their acceptance, for the faithful performance of his duty.  
 All of the trustees shall be residents of Haverhill, and two  
 thirds of said trustees shall be members of the First Church  
 of Christ, Bradford. And said trustees shall have power to  
 fill all vacancies that shall happen from death, resignation,  
 or removal out of said Haverhill, and the said trustees and  
 their successors shall remain a body corporate to perpetuate  
 the appropriation of said fund according to the intentions  
 of the donor or donors within the provisions of this act.  
 And said trustees shall annually in the month of January

1803, 76, § 4,  
amended.Officers, elec-  
tion, duties,  
etc.Trustees,  
qualifications,  
etc.

make a full and fair statement of the situation of the funds aforesaid and deliver a copy of the same to the clerk of said First Church of Christ, Bradford.

Title to property.

SECTION 5. The title to all property real and personal heretofore acquired and now held by said corporation under the name of the Trustees of the Funds for the Support of a Congregational Gospel Minister in the First Parish in Bradford, or under any other name, and the title to all property which may hereafter be acquired by it by bequest, devise or otherwise, is hereby confirmed to and vested in said corporation under the said name of the Trustees of the Funds for the Support of a Congregational Gospel Minister in the First Church of Christ, Bradford.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 28, 1915.*

*Chap.*312 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SOLDIERS' HOME  
IN MASSACHUSETTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations,  
Soldiers' Home  
in Massa-  
chusetts.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, as authorized by chapter thirty-three of the resolves of the present year, the payments to be made in equal quarterly instalments, to wit: —

Maintenance,  
etc.

For maintenance, one hundred and five thousand dollars; and for permanent improvements, forty-two hundred and fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved April 28, 1915.*

[1906, 291; 1907, 214; 1909, 387; 1913, 715.]

*Chap.*313 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY  
OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1906, 291, § 4,  
amended.

SECTION 1. The last paragraph of section four of chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by inserting after the word "licenses", in the third line of said paragraph, the words: — including recording fees, miscellaneous fees and all other revenue, — so that said paragraph will read as follows: — All licenses issued by said board shall be signed by a majority of the members thereof and shall be recorded

Fees for  
licenses issued  
by licensing  
board of  
Boston.

in the office of said board, and all fees for said licenses, including recording fees, miscellaneous fees and all other revenue, shall be paid into the treasury of said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

[1911, 751, Part IV; 1912, 42, 721; 1913, 448; 1914, 338.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS AND POWERS OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ASSOCIATION. Chap.314

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of Part IV of chapter seven hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — The said association may also transact within the commonwealth any kind of liability insurance which mutual companies are allowed by law to transact, and shall be governed by the laws now or hereafter in force relating to the transaction of such business by mutual companies, so far as the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The Massachusetts Employees Insurance Association is hereby created a body corporate with the powers provided in this act and with all the general corporate powers incident thereto. The said association may also transact within the commonwealth any kind of liability insurance which mutual companies are allowed by law to transact, and shall be governed by the laws now or hereafter in force relating to the transaction of such business by mutual companies, so far as the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

1911, 751, § 1,  
Part IV,  
amended.

Rights and  
powers of the  
Massachusetts  
Employees  
Insurance As-  
sociation.

SECTION 2. Section twenty-three of Part IV of said chapter seven hundred and fifty-one is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 29, 1915.*

[1899, 142.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVING THE HEATING  
APPARATUS OF THE BATH HOUSE AT THE REVERE BEACH  
RESERVATION. Chap.315

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding thirty-five thou-

Improving the  
heating ap-  
paratus of the

bath house at  
the Revere  
beach reserva-  
tion.

sand dollars from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund for the purpose of renewing or replacing the boilers of the bath house at the Revere beach reservation, and for providing a boiler house and proper means for furnishing heat and power to said bath house.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 29, 1915.*

[1915, 309, Spec.]

**Chap.316** AN ACT TO EXTEND THE RIGHT OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO  
TAKE LAND FOR A RESERVOIR FOR ITS WATER SUPPLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1915, 169, § 1,  
(S.) amended.

City of Salem  
may take land  
for a reservoir,  
etc.

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby amended by striking out section one and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 1.* The city of Salem is hereby authorized, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a reservoir for its water supply, to take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, such land or rights therein in the town of Danvers as may be necessary for the said purpose; and the said city may also construct, lay and maintain conduits, pipes and such other works as may be deemed necessary for collecting, purifying, storing, discharging, conducting and distributing water to and in the city of Salem, and may also construct, lay and maintain in the city of Beverly and in the towns of Peabody and Danvers pipes for conducting water from said reservoir and works in Danvers to the city of Salem, and may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, such land or rights therein as may be necessary for the purpose of constructing, laying and maintaining said pipes: *provided*, that no conduits or pipes shall be laid in a public way either in the town of Danvers or in the town of Peabody without the consent of the selectmen of the town concerned, or in a public way in the city of Beverly without the consent and approval of the mayor and board of aldermen; and *provided, further*, that nothing herein shall authorize the taking of land in Beverly except as such taking is specially authorized herein for the laying, construction and maintenance of conduits and pipe lines.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 29, 1915.*

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MONUMENT BEACH FIRE DISTRICT. *Chap. 317**Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of that part of the town of Bourne known as Monument Beach, liable to taxation in said town and residing within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit:—Beginning at the southernmost end of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad bridge across Back river, thence easterly about three thousand six hundred and eighty feet to a stone bound on the Old Falmouth road at the junction of its westernmost boundary with the line dividing the properties of Robert T. Crump and Salathiel H. Perry; thence southerly by and with said westerly side line of said Old Falmouth road about two hundred and fifty feet to a stone bound; thence easterly across said road sixty feet to the northwest corner of property of Jesse F. Phinney and the southerly side line of a woods road; thence easterly by and with said road about five hundred feet to the southeast corner of land of Robert W. Emmons, Second; thence southerly about thirty-three hundred feet to the easterly side of the county road in line with the southerly side line of the Midway; thence westerly by and with the said southerly side line of said Midway about fourteen hundred feet to the easterly side line of the state highway leading to Falmouth; thence by and with said easterly side line of said state highway about nine hundred and eighty-five feet to a stone monument in the southerly line of property of George A. Gardner; thence westerly by and with said Gardner's land eight hundred fifty feet to shore and waters of Little bay, so-called; thence following the shore line of Little bay to the bridge leading to Tobey island; thence following the shore line of Buzzard's bay to the point of beginning, shall constitute a fire district and are hereby made a body corporate, by the name of Monument Beach Fire District, and said corporation except as is otherwise provided herein shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the general laws now or hereafter in force relating to fire districts.

Monument  
Beach Fire  
District es-  
tablished.

SECTION 2. The said district may make contracts for the purchase of hose, hose carriages, and other articles and apparatus necessary for the extinguishment of fires, for fire hydrant service and for any other thing that may lawfully be done by said district.

May purchase  
apparatus, etc.

Policemen and  
watchmen.

SECTION 3. The prudential committee of said district may employ and pay policemen and watchmen for the protection of property and persons and for patrolling the streets of said district.

May raise  
money for  
fire district  
purposes.

SECTION 4. Said district may, at meetings called for the purpose, raise money for taxation for any of the purposes for which fire districts may under general laws now or hereafter in force raise money, and for all other purposes necessary or proper under the provisions of this act.

First meeting,  
date, etc.

SECTION 5. The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of five or more voters therein, by a warrant from the selectmen of the town of Bourne, or from a justice of the peace, directed to one of the petitioners, requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of said warrant in two or more public places in said district, seven days at least before the time of the meeting. One of the petitioners shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. The meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles in the warrant.

Act to be  
submitted to  
voters.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the voters of said district present and voting thereon at a district meeting called in accordance with the provisions of section five and held within two years after the passage of this act.

*Approved May 3, 1915.*

[1911, 426.]

*Chap.318* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTON FIRE DISTRICT TO  
ANNEX ADJACENT TERRITORY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1911, 426, § 1,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and twenty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Said district may, at a meeting called for that purpose, annex adjacent territory and its inhabitants, if two thirds of the voters of such territory petition therefor, defining the limits of the territory in their petition.

Norton Fire  
District may  
annex adjacent  
territory.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 3, 1915.*



[1915, 264, Spec.]

Chap. 319

AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN SEWER ASSESSMENTS IN THE  
CITY OF ATTLEBORO.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The vote passed by the town of Attleborough at the town meeting held on the twenty-eighth day of July in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, in pursuance of which sewer assessments have been made and levied by the board of sewer commissioners of the city of Attleboro, is hereby confirmed and ratified, and the sewer assessments made thereunder shall have the same force and effect as if no subsequent vote relating to sewer assessments had been passed at the said meeting.

Certain sewer  
assessments in  
the city of  
Attleboro.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 3, 1915.*AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HOLLISTON TO FUND  
AND TO REFUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS. Chap. 320*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Holliston is hereby authorized to extend from time to time, and for a period not exceeding two years from the date of the passage of this act, a part of the revenue loans issued on account of the revenue of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and now outstanding to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, the same to be outside the statutory limit of indebtedness. None of the uncollected taxes outstanding prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall be appropriated for any purpose so long as there is outstanding any part of the said revenue loan refunded. The treasurer of the town, with the approval of the selectmen, is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness as authorized by this section, and to issue notes of the town therefor without further vote of the town.

Town of  
Holliston may  
fund and re-  
fund certain  
indebtedness.

SECTION 2. The said town is further authorized to incur indebtedness, outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, and to issue notes of the town therefor, to be denominated on their face, Holliston Funding Loan, Act of 1915. The proceeds shall be applied exclusively to the cancellation and extinction of certain indebtedness represented by notes issued in antici-

Holliston  
Funding Loan,  
Act of 1915.

Holliston  
Funding Loan,  
Act of 1915.

Payment of  
loan.

pation of the revenue of the financial year nineteen hundred and fourteen. The indebtedness so incurred shall be paid by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of issue of the first note, as will extinguish the loan in not more than five years from its date; and the amount of such annual payments in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments as will extinguish the same in the time prescribed by this act, and when such provision has been made the amount required therefor shall, without further vote, be assessed annually by the assessors of the town in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the said debt is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 3, 1915.*

*Chap.321* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PAYMENT OF FINAL JUDGMENTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Marl-  
borough may  
borrow money  
to pay final  
judgments.

SECTION 1. The city of Marlborough may, within one year after the passage of this act, incur debt, within the limit of indebtedness prescribed by chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, for the payment of final judgments against it and counsel fees, and may from time to time issue bonds or notes therefor payable at periods not exceeding ten years from their respective dates of issue. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the mayor. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 2. The city shall, at the time of authorizing the said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each respective issue of bonds or notes, as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act, and the amount of the annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan

payable in any subsequent year. When a vote to the foregoing effect has been passed, a sum sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the said bonds or notes and to make such payments on the principal as may be required, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the city annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by the said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 3, 1915.*

[1912, 285.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF STERLING TO SUPPLY *Chap.322*  
ITSELF AND ITS INHABITANTS WITH WATER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Sterling may supply itself and its inhabitants with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes; may establish fountains and hydrants and relocate or discontinue the same; and may regulate the use of the water and fix and collect rates to be paid therefor.

Town of Sterling may supply itself, etc., with water.

SECTION 2. Said town, for the purposes aforesaid, may take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, artesian or other wells within the limits of said town, and the water rights connected with any such water sources, and may also take, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, storing, purifying and preserving the water, and for conveying the same to any part of said town: *provided, however*, that no source of water supply and no lands necessary for preserving the quality of the water shall be taken or used without first obtaining the advice and approval of the state department of health, and that the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to the approval of said department; *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any rights in any ponds, streams or sources of water supply or other rights now owned or exercised by the town of Clinton in the town of Sterling. Said town may construct on the lands held under the provisions of this act, proper dams, reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and

May purchase waters, etc.

Provisos.

May construct dams, etc.

May construct  
dams, etc.

other structures, and make excavations, procure and operate machinery and provide such other means and appliances and do such other things as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works; and for that purpose may construct wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works, and may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under and over any land, water courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways, and along such ways in the town of Sterling, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and repairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all other purposes of this act, said town may dig up or raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways, in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel. Said town shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Description  
of land to be  
recorded.

SECTION 3. Said town shall, within ninety days after the taking of any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the Worcester district of the county of Worcester a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The title to all lands acquired under the provisions of this act shall vest in the town of Sterling, and the land so acquired may be managed, improved and controlled by the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for in such manner as they shall deem to be for the best interest of the town.

Payment of  
damages.

SECTION 4. Said town shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water right or easement, or by any other thing done by said town under authority of this act. Any person or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with the said town as to the amount thereof, may have the same determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within the period of two years after the taking of

such land or other property or the doing of other injury under authority of this act; but no such application shall be made after the expiration of the said two years, and no assessment of damages shall be made for the taking of any water, water right, or for any injury thereto, until the water is actually withdrawn or diverted by said town under authority of this act. Said town may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take and appropriate under this act; in which case any damages caused by such taking shall be based upon such amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in such event the town shall be further liable only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

Payment of  
damages.

SECTION 5. The town of Sterling, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of Sterling Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of said loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the water commissioners hereinafter provided for. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Town of  
Sterling Water  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

Rate of  
interest, etc.

SECTION 6. The town of Sterling shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section five of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the town, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the

Payment of  
loan.

town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

Penalty.

SECTION 7. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said town under authority of this act, shall forfeit and pay to the town three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon being convicted of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding one year.

Board of water commissioners established.

SECTION 8. Said town shall, after its acceptance of this act, at the same meeting at which the act is accepted or at a subsequent meeting called for the purpose, elect by ballot three persons to hold office, one until the expiration of three years, one until the expiration of two years and one until the expiration of one year from the next succeeding annual town meeting, to constitute a board of water commissioners, and at each annual town meeting thereafter one such commissioner shall be elected by ballot for the term of three years. All of the authority granted to the said town by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in said water commissioners, who shall be subject, however, to such instructions, rules and regulations as the town may impose by its vote. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the town at any legal town meeting called for the purpose. Any such vacancy may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the selectmen, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the town fills the vacancy in the manner provided herein.

Vacancies, how filled.

To fix rates, etc.

SECTION 9. Said commissioners shall fix just and equitable prices and rates for the use of water, and shall prescribe the time and manner of payment. The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under authority of this act. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges it shall be used for such new construction as the water commissioners may determine

Net surplus, how applied.

upon, and in case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction the water rates shall be reduced proportionately. No money shall be expended in new construction by the water commissioners except from the net surplus aforesaid, unless the town appropriates and provides money therefor. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of the works under their charge and an account of their doings, including an account of receipts and expenditures.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the voters of the said town present and voting thereon at a meeting called for the purpose within three years after its passage; but the number of meetings so called in any one year shall not exceed three. For the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Act to be submitted to voters, etc.

*Approved May 4, 1915.*

[1855, 165.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A BUILDING TO BE ERECTED BY THE FALL RIVER FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK FOR ITS USE. *Chap.323*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank is hereby authorized to invest a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in the construction and equipment of a building for the transaction of its business.

Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank may erect a building for its use.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 5, 1915.*

[1915, 184, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CITY OF BOSTON TO TAKE THE PLACE OF TOLLS FOR THE USE OF THE EAST BOSTON TUNNEL. *Chap.324*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. In determining the sum necessary for the city of Boston to appropriate annually from taxes to take the place of tolls for the use of the East Boston tunnel, the sinking funds commissioners of the city shall take as

Appropriations by the city of Boston to take the place of tolls for the use of the East Boston tunnel.

Appropriations by the city of Boston to take the place of tolls for the use of the East Boston tunnel.

a basis for determination the annual interest and sinking fund requirements of the bonds issued to pay for the construction of said tunnel, less the sum paid in the preceding year by the Boston Elevated Railway Company as rental under the lease of the tunnel.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 5, 1915.*

*Chap.325* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN SERIAL BONDS MATURING DURING THE PRESENT YEAR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, serial bonds.

The following sums are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the payment of certain serial bonds due the present year, to wit: —

Abolition of Grade Crossings.

For Abolition of Grade Crossings, due November first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, thirty-four thousand dollars.

Armories.

For Armories, due September first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, sixty thousand six hundred eighty-one dollars and five cents.

Development of the Port of Boston.

For the Development of the Port of Boston, due August first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, one hundred forty-seven thousand three hundred ninety-one dollars and seventy-five cents.

Metropolitan Parks, Boulevards.

For Metropolitan Parks, Boulevards, one half, due January first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, one hundred seven dollars and eleven cents.

Prisons and Hospitals.

For Prisons and Hospitals, due November first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, ninety-two thousand dollars.

Soldiers' Gratuity.

For the Soldiers' Gratuity, due August first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, forty-nine thousand dollars.

State Highways.

For State Highways, due April first and October first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, three hundred three thousand five hundred five dollars and ten cents.

State House Construction.

For State House Construction, due October first, nineteen hundred fifteen, thirty-five thousand one hundred and forty-three dollars.

Suffolk County Court House.

For the Suffolk County Court House, due March first and September first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, ten thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

*Approved May 5, 1915.*



[Change of Harbor Line, 1837, 229; 1840, 35; 1841, 60; 1847, 234, 278; 1848, 314; 1849, 204; 1850, 216, 254, 317, 318; 1851, 254; 1853, 385; 1855, 310; 1856, 293, 297, 301; 1860, 137, 176, 205; 1864, 310; 1871, 335, 372, 397; 1872, 320, 351; 1873, 231, 232, 263, 332; 1874, 302; 1877, 116; 1878, 177; 1880, 170; 1882, 48; 1891, 309, 1897, 479; 1898, 278; 1899, 469; 1901, 411, 419; 1910, 623; High Pressure Fire Pumping Station, 1911, 312; 1914, 793.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH PRESSURE FIRE PUMPING STATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. Chap.326

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The harbor line in Boston harbor at Fort Point channel is hereby changed and established as follows: — Beginning at a point on said harbor line as now established, at the intersection of the easterly line of Dorchester avenue and the southerly line of Summer street; thence running easterly, on the southerly line of said Summer street, fifty feet; thence running southerly fifteen hundred feet, parallel with the harbor line as now established; and thence running westerly to a point in said harbor line fifteen hundred feet from the point of beginning.

Harbor line in Boston harbor changed, etc.

SECTION 2. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to build a sea wall on the harbor line as changed and established by this act, and to fill solid, without payment of compensation for land of the commonwealth or for the displacement of tide water, the area enclosed by said sea wall for the purpose of constructing a high pressure fire pumping station; and said city is further authorized to hold, lease, sell or use, with or without restrictions, so much of said area as is not appropriated to the use of such high pressure fire pumping station.

Construction of high pressure fire pumping station.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act the city may use any unexpended balance of the money appropriated under authority of chapter three hundred and twelve of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven and may issue additional bonds, if necessary; such bonds to be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the city.

Issue of bonds, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 6, 1915.*

[Change of Harbor Line, 1915, 334, Spec.]

[1884, 59; 1888, 76; 1891, 176; 1900, 52; 1911, 658, 665; 1912, 164, 643, 686; 1914, 657.]

*Chap.*327 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MIDDLEBOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT  
TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Middleborough  
Fire District  
may make an  
additional  
water loan.

SECTION 1. The Middleborough Fire District, established by chapter fifty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, for the purpose of erecting a stand-pipe and making extensions to its water system, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words Middleborough Fire District Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; shall bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate not to exceed five per cent per annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer of the district and by the water commissioners. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Said district may sell said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 2. Said district shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments beginning not more than one year after the date of the loan as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed by this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum, which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote of the district, be raised by taxation, and the treasurer of the district shall certify to the assessors of the town of Middleborough the amount necessary to be raised for meeting the maturing debt not provided for.

Bond issue  
validated.

SECTION 3. The twenty thousand dollar issue of bonds, issued in nineteen hundred and thirteen for the installation of a filtration plant, and maturing one thousand dollars annually from January one, nineteen hundred and twenty-

one, to nineteen hundred and forty, inclusive, is hereby authorized and declared valid.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 6, 1915.*

[1854, 47; 1866, 160; 1869, 274; 1893, 67.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE BOSTON  
WESLEYAN ASSOCIATION. Chap. 328

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Boston Wesleyan Association is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to furnish and maintain quarters in the city of Boston for such of the literary, educational, benevolent, charitable and religious institutions and societies of the Methodist Episcopal church, and upon such terms, as the association may from time to time determine.

Powers of  
the Boston  
Wesleyan As-  
sociation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

[1863, 166, 220; 1864, 223; 1865, 195, 240; 1866, 263; 1867, 189; 1871, 378; 1879, 258; 1882, 212; 1883, 105; 1885, 327; 1887, 31, 212; 1888, 333; 1889, 45, 111; 1891, 423; 1894, 101, 143; 1895, 57, 421; 1897, 117; 1901, 202; 1904, 388, 414; 1906, 330, 507, § 7; 1907, 66; 1908, 459, 460; 1909, 436; 1910, 429, 627; 1911, 311, 409, 592; 1912, 484, 638, 705; 1913, 745, 827; 1914, 721.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSA-  
CHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TO SELL AND CONVEY  
CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWNS OF AMHERST AND HADLEY. Chap. 329

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College are hereby authorized to sell and convey from time to time, in the name and on behalf of the commonwealth, parcels of land from the college estate owned by the commonwealth in the towns of Amherst and Hadley, to any professor, instructor, teacher or employee of said college or of the Massachusetts agricultural experiment station or to any society, association or fraternity established at said college, not exceeding one acre to any such person, society, association or fraternity; and the trustees may impose any restrictions and conditions in such conveyances which they may deem necessary; but no such sale or conveyance shall become operative until it shall have been approved by the governor and council.

Trustees of the  
Massachusetts  
Agricultural  
College may  
sell certain  
lands in towns  
of Amherst  
and Hadley.

Proceeds to go to common-wealth.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. The proceeds aceruing from sales of land under section one of this act shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. Chapter six hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 10, 1915.

Chap.330 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE TO INCUR ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Town of Southbridge may borrow money for school purposes.

SECTION 1. The town of Southbridge for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a high school building and a primary school building may incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor to be denominated on the face thereof, Southbridge School Loan, Act of 1915. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the selectmen, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the town, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years from its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper; but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 2. The town, at the time of authorizing the said loan, shall provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act, and when such provision has been made the amount required therefor shall, without further vote, annually be assessed by the assessors of the town, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the said debt is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 10, 1915.

[1910, 630; 1911, 564; 1912, 408; 1913, 495; 1914, 678.]

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE BOSTON AND EASTERN ELECTRIC RAILROAD COMPANY IS REQUIRED TO FILE A BOND AND TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ITS RAILROAD. Chap. 331

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The time for the filing of the bond after the incorporation of the Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company, as provided in section two of chapter five hundred and sixty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby extended to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and the time within which the construction of the tunnel and the railroad of the said railroad company shall begin, and the time allowed for the construction and the opening for public use of said tunnel and said railroad, all as provided in chapters five hundred and eighty-seven and six hundred and thirty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, shall start from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, instead of from the date of the certificate of incorporation of the said railroad company.

Time extended within which Boston and Eastern Electric Railroad Company shall file bond, etc.

SECTION 2. All the powers, rights and privileges of said railroad company held prior to the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and all rights, powers and privileges acquired by the said railroad company since the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall continue in full force and effect: *provided, however*, that the said powers, rights and privileges shall cease on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, unless said bond is filed.

Powers, rights, etc., continued.

Proviso.

SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF WILLIAM H. WOODS. Chap. 332

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Ellen E. Woods, widow of William H. Woods, who was a member of the present city council of that city, the

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to Ellen E. Woods.

sum which he would have received as such member if he had lived until the end of the present municipal year.

To be sub-  
mitted to city  
council, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

[Accepted May 18, 1915.]

[1904, 333; 1905, 383; 1907, 416; 1912, 582; 1914, 786.]

*Chap.333* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Commission  
established  
to determine  
height of  
buildings in  
Boston.

SECTION 1. The chairman of the city planning board, the fire commissioner and the building commissioner of the city of Boston are hereby created a commission to determine and revise the boundaries of districts A and B as heretofore designated by the commission on height of buildings in the city of Boston, in accordance with the provisions of chapter three hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, in the orders of said commission dated, respectively, the fifth day of July and the third day of December in the year nineteen hundred and four, and recorded, respectively, with Suffolk deeds in book twenty-nine hundred and seventy-six, page forty-five, and in book three thousand and eight, page one hundred and twenty-nine.

Restrictions.

The height to which buildings may be erected in districts A and B, respectively, as revised and established under this act, shall not exceed the height authorized for buildings in districts designated as A and B, respectively, under the provisions of said chapter three hundred and thirty-three and of chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and five, and the orders of the commission on height of buildings in the city of Boston under authority of said chapter three hundred and eighty-three recorded, respectively, within Suffolk deeds in book three thousand and fifty-nine, page four hundred and seventy-seven, and in book three thousand and eighty-three, page seventy-four.

Order to be  
recorded, etc.

SECTION 2. The commission shall give notice and public hearings and shall make an order revising the boundaries of the districts aforesaid, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk.

The boundaries so established shall continue for a period of ten years from the date of said recording. Any person who is aggrieved by said order may appeal to the commission for revision within sixty days after the recording thereof; and the commission may revise the order and the revision shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Suffolk and shall date back to the original date of recording.

SECTION 3. Upon the recording of the order of revision under this act so much of section two of said chapter three hundred and thirty-three as continues the boundaries for districts A and B for a period of fifteen years from the date of the recording of the order of the commission under authority of said chapter three hundred and thirty-three shall become inoperative.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 11, 1915.*

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[1915, 326, Spec.]

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE HARBOR LINE IN BOSTON HARBOR ON THE SOUTHERLY AND EASTERLY SIDES OF EAST BOSTON.

*Chap. 334*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The harbor lines on the northerly side of Boston harbor are hereby changed and established as follows: — The locations of the angle points in said lines are fixed by distances, hereinafter called longitude, in feet from a meridian passing through the center of the apex of the dome of the state house in Boston, and by distances, hereinafter called latitudes, in feet from a line at right angles to said meridian and passing through the said center of the apex of the state house dome.

Beginning at the point I of the harbor line established by chapter forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, in latitude one thousand six hundred and forty-eight and four tenths feet north and longitude six thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and four tenths feet east; thence seven thousand six hundred and eleven and seven tenths feet south, sixty-one degrees, two minutes, and thirty-one and six tenths seconds east to point K at or near the westerly shore of Governors island in latitude two thousand and thirty-six and nine tenths feet south and longitude thirteen thousand five hundred and eighty-

Harbor lines in Boston harbor on the southerly and easterly sides of East Boston changed.

Harbor lines  
in Boston  
harbor on the  
southerly and  
easterly sides  
of East Boston  
changed.

four and five tenths feet east; thence two thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and six tenths feet south, forty-nine degrees, thirty-two minutes and forty-nine and two tenths seconds east to point L at or near the high water line on the easterly side of said island in latitude three thousand nine hundred and seventeen and six tenths feet south and longitude fifteen thousand seven hundred and ninety and two tenths feet east; thence three thousand nine hundred and thirteen and seven tenths feet north, eight degrees, fifty-seven minutes, twenty-eight and four tenths seconds east to point M in latitude fifty-one and seven tenths feet south and longitude sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-nine and six tenths feet east; thence five thousand feet north, sixty-one degrees, two minutes and thirty-one and six tenths seconds west to point N in latitude two thousand three hundred and sixty-nine and one tenth feet north and longitude twelve thousand and twenty-four and seven tenths feet east; thence one thousand five hundred feet north, twenty-eight degrees, fifty-seven minutes and twenty-eight and four tenths seconds east to point O in latitude three thousand six hundred and eighty-one and six tenths feet north and longitude twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty and nine tenths feet east; thence five thousand feet south, sixty-one degrees, two minutes and thirty-one and six tenths seconds east to point P in latitude one thousand two hundred and sixty and eight tenths feet north and longitude seventeen thousand one hundred and twenty-five and eight tenths feet east; thence three thousand one hundred and ninety and six tenths feet north, seventy-two degrees, twenty-seven minutes and twenty-eight and four tenths seconds east to point Q in latitude two thousand two hundred and twenty-two and five tenths feet north and longitude twenty thousand one hundred and sixty-eight and one tenth feet east; thence six thousand six hundred and ninety-seven and two tenths feet north, sixty-one degrees, two minutes and thirty-one and six tenths seconds west to point R in the harbor line established by chapter two hundred and ninety-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six in latitude five thousand four hundred and sixty-five feet north and longitude fourteen thousand three hundred and eight and two tenths feet east.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 11, 1915.*



[1911, 748; 1913, 635, 777; 1914, 555, 602, 712.]

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS Chap.335  
OF THE PORT OF BOSTON AND OTHERS IN RELATION TO A  
DRY DOCK IN BOSTON HARBOR.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter seven hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven shall be construed to authorize the construction of a dry dock. Construction of dry dock in Boston harbor approved.

SECTION 2. All acts heretofore done, and all proceedings heretofore had in connection with the preparation for, construction and use of a dry dock in Boston harbor by the directors of the port of Boston, or any other public officers, boards, or commissions, which are otherwise in conformity with the provisions of chapter seven hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, are hereby ratified and confirmed. Proceedings of directors of the port of Boston confirmed, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 11, 1915.*

[1915, 337, Spec.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAMPDEN COUNTY FAIR, IN- Chap.336  
CORPORATED, TO RECEIVE A BOUNTY FROM THE COMMON-  
WEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Hampden County Fair, Incorporated, located in the city of Chicopee, shall be entitled to receive the bounty provided for by section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as affected by chapter two hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and as amended by chapter two hundred and seventy-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to the same extent as if the said chapter two hundred and seventy-six had not been passed, the said corporation having been organized at a date when the distance between agricultural societies entitled to the said bounty was fixed by statute at twelve miles instead of twenty-five miles. Hampden County Fair, Incorporated, may receive a bounty from the common-wealth.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 11, 1915.*

[1915, 335, Spec.]

Chap.337 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STRAIGHTENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHANNEl IN THE MYSTIC RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Straightening and improvement of the channel in the Mystic river.

SECTION 1. The directors of the port of Boston are hereby authorized and directed to dredge in the Mystic river at and in the vicinity of the Malden bridge a new channel as laid out and located by an order of said directors dated September eleventh, nineteen hundred and thirteen, made in accordance with the provisions of section four of chapter seven hundred and seventy-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen. To carry out the provisions of this act they may expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid out of the loan provided by section seventeen of chapter seven hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 12, 1915.*

[1915, 363, Spec.]

Chap.338 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF LEOMINSTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Leominster, incorporated.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Leominster shall continue to be a body corporate and politic under the name of the City of Leominster, and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations provided for herein, or otherwise pertaining to cities as municipal corporations.

Re-division into wards.

SECTION 2. Upon the acceptance of this act, the selectmen of the town then in office shall forthwith divide the territory of the town into five wards, so that the wards will contain, as nearly as may be consistent with well-defined limits, an equal number of voters, and they shall designate the wards by numbers. The number of wards may, in any year fixed by law for a new division of wards in cities, be changed by vote of the city council, passed with the assent of the mayor at or prior to the making of such division; but the number of wards shall not be less than five.

Elective officers.

SECTION 3. The elective officers of the city shall be a mayor, nine councilmen and six members of the school committee.

SECTION 4. The government of the city and the general management and control of all its affairs shall be vested in a mayor and a city council; except, however, that the general management and control of the public schools and the property pertaining thereto shall be vested in a school committee.

Government,  
etc.

SECTION 5. The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city. He shall hold office for the term of two years from the first Monday in January following his election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Mayor, term,  
etc.

SECTION 6. The legislative powers of the city shall be vested in a city council, composed of nine members, of whom one shall be elected from each ward by and from the qualified voters of that ward, and the remaining members shall be elected by and from the qualified voters of the city.

City council,  
number, etc.

At the first city election, the councillors elected from each ward shall be elected to serve for one year, and those elected at large shall be elected to serve for two years, from the first Monday in January following their election and until their successors are elected and qualified; and at each annual city election thereafter the councillors elected to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of councillors shall be elected to serve for two years.

Terms of  
office for  
councillors.

They shall elect by ballot one of their members as president of the council.

President.

The council shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members, except as may otherwise be provided by law, and shall determine its own rules of procedure except as is otherwise specified herein.

May make  
rules, etc.

SECTION 7. All heads of departments and members of municipal boards, except the school committee, the city clerk and the city solicitor, shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council.

Appointments  
subject to  
confirmation.

SECTION 8. In making his appointments the mayor shall sign and file with the city clerk a certificate in the following form: —

Form of  
certificate of  
appointment.

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

I appoint (name of appointee) to the position of (name of office) and I certify that in my opinion he is a person specially fitted by education, training or experience to perform the duties of said office, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the city.

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*Mayor.*

Removals.

SECTION 9. The mayor, with the approval of a majority of the members of the city council, may remove any head of a department or member of a board before the expiration of his term of office, except members of the school committee. The person so removed shall receive a copy of the reasons for his removal, and he may, if he desires, contest the same before the city council. He shall have the right to be represented by counsel at such hearing.

Departments  
and offices.

SECTION 10. There shall be the following departments and offices in the city: —

Assessing.

1. The assessing department, under the charge of a board of three assessors. In January following the first city election one assessor shall be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, and annually thereafter one assessor shall be appointed for the term of three years, to fill the place of the assessor whose term expires.

Charity.

2. The charity department, under the charge of three overseers of the poor. The mayor shall also appoint a city physician.

Health.

3. The health department, under the charge of a board of health consisting of three members.

Fire.

4. The fire department, under the charge of a board of three engineers, one of whom shall be the chief of the fire department.

Police.

5. The police department, under the charge of the chief of police. The number of members of the police department shall be determined by the city council.

Street and  
sewer.

6. The street and sewer department, under the charge of a superintendent. The superintendent shall be subject to such ordinances, rules, regulations and orders as the city council, with the approval of the mayor, may from time to time impose, and he shall have charge of the construction, alteration, repair, maintenance and management of the public sewers and drains, and the public ways, sidewalks and squares.

Water.

7. The water department, under the charge of three commissioners.

City clerk.

8. The city clerk department, under the charge of the city clerk.

Treasury.

9. The treasury department, under the charge of the city treasurer.

Collecting.

10. The collecting department, under the charge of the city collector.

11. The department of accounts, under the charge of the city accountant. The city accountant shall have supervision of the financial accounts of all departments of the city. He shall audit all bills, vouchers, claims and demands against the city after they have the approval of the department in which they originated, examine the accounts of every department and report to the city annually any inaccuracy in the accounts or any delinquency in the conduct of any officer which he may discover, and for this purpose he shall have access to all account books, vouchers and books of record belonging to the city. Accounts.

No payment of city funds shall be made except upon a draft countersigned by the accountant after he has examined the claim and found it to be correct, and in no case shall he approve any bill which shall cause a department to exceed its appropriation except by order of the city council. Payment of funds.

12. The mayor shall also appoint an inspector of buildings, whose duties shall be the inspection of buildings and other structures; and he shall appoint also a superintendent of wires and a sealer of weights and measures. Inspector of buildings.

13. There shall be a board of registrars, constituted in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-five of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen. Board of registrars.

14. There shall be a city solicitor, to be appointed by the mayor, without confirmation by the city council. City solicitor.

SECTION 11. The council may from time to time, subject to the provisions of this act and in accordance with the general laws, provide by ordinance for the establishment of any additional boards and other offices; for reorganizing, consolidating or abolishing departments or boards in whole or in part; for transferring the duties, powers and appropriations of one department to another in whole or in part; for establishing new departments; for increasing, reducing, establishing or abolishing salaries of heads of departments or of members of boards; and for the said purposes may delegate to such boards, offices and departments the administrative powers given by general laws to city councils and boards of aldermen. It shall be the duty of the mayor to appoint, on or before the first Monday in February of each year, in accordance with the provision of this section, all the appointive officers above specified, and unless it is otherwise provided, all those for whom provision shall hereafter be made; and their terms of office shall begin on the first Monday in Other departments, etc.

Appointments, dates, terms, etc.

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|   | February and shall continue for one year, or for such other period as the council shall by ordinance in any case provide, except that the term of office of all the officers so specified who shall first be appointed hereunder shall begin respectively upon their appointment and qualification. Every administrative officer shall, unless sooner removed, hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. All salaries and compensation of all employees may be fixed by ordinance by the council, except as is otherwise provided herein.  |
| Salaries.                                   |  |
| Mayor, salary.                              | SECTION 12. The mayor shall receive for his services such salary as the city council shall by ordinance determine, not exceeding one thousand dollars a year, and he shall receive no other compensation from the city. His salary shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which he is elected. The council may by a two thirds vote of all its members, taken by call of the yeas and nays, establish a salary for its members, not exceeding five hundred dollars each a year. Such salary may be reduced, but no increase therein shall be made to take effect during the year in which the increase is voted. |
| Council, salary.                            |  |
| Party or political designations prohibited. | SECTION 13. No ballot used at any annual or special city election shall have printed thereon any party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be appended to the name of any candidate any such party or political designation or mark, or anything showing how he was nominated or indicating his views or opinions.   |
| Date of municipal election.                 | SECTION 14. The first municipal election after the acceptance of this act shall take place on the third Tuesday of December of the present year, and thereafter the municipal election shall take place annually on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of December, and the municipal year shall begin and end at ten o'clock in the morning of the first Monday of January in each year.   |
| Primaries and caucuses prohibited.          | SECTION 15. No primary or caucus for municipal officers shall be held. Candidates for mayor, city council and school committee shall be nominated in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and ninety-eight of Part II of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen.   |
| Mayor and councillors to be sworn.          | SECTION 16. On the first Monday in January at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the mayor-elect and the councillors-elect shall meet and be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. The oath may be administered by the city clerk or by any justice of the peace, and a certificate that  |

the oath has been taken shall be entered on the journal of the city council. At any meeting thereafter the oath may be administered in the presence of the city council to the mayor, or to any councillor absent from the meeting on the first Monday in January.

SECTION 17. Except as is specially provided in this section, the legislative powers of the city council may be exercised as provided by ordinance or rule adopted by it. Legislative powers.

1. Every member of the council shall have the right to vote on any question coming before it. A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the council shall be necessary to adopt any motion, resolution or ordinance. Quorum.

2. The city council shall, from time to time, establish rules for its proceedings. Regular and special meetings of the council shall be held at a time and place fixed by ordinance. All legislative sessions shall be open to the public, and every matter coming before the council for action shall be put to a vote, the result of which shall be duly recorded. A full and accurate journal of the proceedings of the council shall be kept, and shall be open to the inspection of any registered voter of the city. Rules.

3. The council shall, by a majority vote, elect a city clerk to hold office for the term of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The city clerk shall have such powers and perform such duties as the council may from time to time prescribe, in addition to such duties as may be prescribed by law. He shall keep the records of the meetings of the council. City clerk, election, term, etc.

SECTION 18. The city council at any time may request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt by the mayor of said questions. The mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter. The mayor at any time may attend and address the city council in person or through the head of a department, or a member of a board, upon such subject as he may desire. Mayor to furnish information to council.

SECTION 19. No ordinance shall be passed finally on the date on which it is introduced, except in cases of special Ordinances, passage, etc.

emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property.

Emergency measures.

No ordinance shall be regarded as an emergency measure unless the emergency is defined and declared in a preamble thereto separately voted on and receiving the affirmative vote of two thirds of the members of the city council.

Restrictions.

No ordinance making a grant, renewal or extension, whatever its kind or nature, of any franchise or special privilege shall be passed as an emergency measure, and, except as provided in chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the Revised Laws and sections one hundred and twenty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, no such grant, renewal or extension shall be made otherwise than by ordinance.

Amendments.

SECTION 20. No ordinance or part thereof shall be amended or annulled except by an ordinance adopted in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Passage at one session.

SECTION 21. Any ordinance, order or resolution may be passed through all its stages of legislation at one session; provided that no member of the council objects thereto, but if any member of the council objects, the measure shall be postponed for that meeting.

Publication of proposed ordinances, etc.

SECTION 22. Every proposed ordinance or loan order, except emergency measures as hereinbefore defined, shall be published once in full in at least one newspaper of the city, or in any additional manner that may be provided by ordinance, at least ten days before its final passage. After such final passage, it shall, in the same manner as before, again be published once, as amended and completed, except in the case of an emergency ordinance which may be passed as hereinbefore provided and which shall take effect on its passage, and shall be so published at the earliest practicable moment.

Certain instruments, actions, etc., to continue in force.

SECTION 23. All official bonds, recognizances, obligations, contracts and all other instruments entered into or executed by or to the town before this act takes effect, and all taxes, special assessments, fines, penalties, forfeitures incurred or imposed, due or owing to the town, shall be enforced and collected, and all writs, prosecutions, actions and causes of action, except as is herein otherwise provided, shall continue without abatement and remain unaffected by this act; and no legal act done by or in favor of the town shall be rendered invalid by its adoption of this act.



SECTION 24. The civil service laws shall not apply to the appointment of the mayor's secretaries nor of the stenographers, clerks, telephone operators and messengers connected with his office, and the mayor may remove such appointees without a hearing and without making a statement of the cause for their removal.

Certain employees exempted from civil service laws.

SECTION 25. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor or city council before the last six months of the term of office, the city council shall order an election for a mayor or a member of the council to serve for the unexpired term; and if such vacancy occurs in the last six months of said term, the president of the city council shall succeed to the office of mayor for the unexpired term. If the mayor is absent or unable from any cause temporarily to perform his duties they shall be performed by the president of the city council. The person upon whom such duties shall devolve shall be called "acting mayor", and he shall possess the powers of mayor only in matters not admitting of delay, but shall have no power to make permanent appointments.

Certain vacancies, how filled.

"Acting mayor," powers and duties.

Should an appointive officer of the city be temporarily unable for any cause to perform his duties, the mayor may make a temporary appointment of some person to act until such official shall resume his duties.

Temporary appointments.

SECTION 26. It shall be unlawful for the mayor or for a member of the city council or school committee or for any officer or employee of the city directly or indirectly to make a contract with the city, or to receive any commission, discount, bonus, gift, contribution, or reward from or any share in the profits of any person or corporation making or performing such contract, unless the mayor, such member, officer or employee, immediately upon learning of the existence of such contract, or that such contract is proposed, shall notify in writing the mayor, city council or school committee of the nature of his interest in such contract, and shall abstain from doing any official act on behalf of the city in reference thereto. In case of such interest on the part of an officer whose duty it is to sign such contract on behalf of the city, the contract may be signed by any other officer of the city duly authorized thereto by the mayor, or if the mayor has such interest, by the city clerk: *provided, however*, that when a contractor with the city is a corporation or a voluntary stock association, the ownership of less than five per cent of the stock or shares actually issued shall not be considered as involving an interest in the contract within the meaning of this section, and such ownership shall not

Certain officials not to make or share in contracts, etc., with the city.

Proviso.

affect the validity of the contract unless the owner of such stock or shares is also an officer or agent of the corporation or association, or solicits or takes part in the making of the contract.

Penalty.

A violation of any provision of this section shall render the contract in respect to which such violation occurs voidable at the option of the city. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Proposals for contracts to be advertised.

SECTION 27. No contract for construction work or for the purchase of apparatus, supplies or materials, whether the same shall be for repairs or original construction, the estimated cost of which amounts to or exceeds two hundred dollars, except in cases of special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same shall have been invited by advertisements in at least one newspaper published in the city once a week for at least two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Such advertisements shall state the time and place where plans and specifications of proposed work or supplies may be had and the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisements, and shall reserve to the city the right to reject any or all of such proposals. All such proposals shall be opened in public. No bill or contract shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading any provision of this act.

Split contracts prohibited.

Certain contracts to be approved by mayor.

SECTION 28. All contracts made by any department, board or commission in which the amount involved is two hundred dollars or more shall be in writing, and no such contract shall be deemed to have been made or executed until the approval of the mayor and of the department or board making the contract is affixed thereto. Any contract made as aforesaid may be required to be accompanied by a bond with sureties satisfactory to the board or official having the matter in charge, or by a deposit of money, certified check or other security for the faithful performance thereof, and such bonds or other securities shall be deposited with the city treasurer until the contract has been carried out in all respects; and no such contract shall be altered except by a written agreement of the contractor, the sureties on his bond, and the officer, department or board making the contract, with the approval of the mayor affixed thereto.

Bond.

SECTION 29. At the request of any department, and with the approval of the mayor and the city council, the city council may take in fee, in the name of the city, for any municipal purpose any land within the limits of the city not already appropriated to public use. Whenever the price proposed to be paid for a lot of land for any municipal purpose is more than twenty-five per cent higher than its average assessed valuation during the previous three years, said land shall not be taken by purchase, but shall be taken by right of eminent domain and paid for in the manner provided for the taking of, and the payment of damages for, land taken for highways in said city. No land shall be taken until an appropriation by loan or otherwise for the general purpose for which land is needed shall have been made by the mayor and city council by a two thirds vote of all its members; nor shall a price be paid in excess of the appropriation, unless a larger sum is awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Taking of  
land for  
municipal  
purposes.

SECTION 30. The school committee shall consist of the mayor, who shall be the chairman, and six members who shall be elected at large. At the first annual city election held after the acceptance of this act, there shall be elected two members to serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years, and annually thereafter there shall be elected two members to serve for the term of three years.

School  
committee,  
election,  
terms, etc.

SECTION 31. The school committee shall elect annually a superintendent of schools, and may, under the laws regulating the civil service, appoint, suspend or remove at pleasure such subordinate officers or assistants, including janitors of school buildings, as it may deem necessary for the proper discharge of its duties and the conduct of its business; it shall define their terms of service and their duties, and shall fix their compensation. No member of the school committee, except the mayor, shall, during the term for which he is elected, hold any other office or position the salary or compensation for which is payable out of the city treasury. The committee shall organize annually on the first Monday in January, and shall elect one of its members as vice chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee at which the mayor is not present.

To elect  
superintend-  
ent, etc.

Organization  
of school  
committee.

SECTION 32. The school committee, in addition to the powers and duties pertaining by law to school committees, shall have power to provide, when they are necessary, temporary accommodations for school purposes, and shall have the control of all school buildings and of the grounds

Powers and  
duties.

connected therewith, and the power to make all repairs, the expenditures for which are made from the regular appropriation for the school department, except as is otherwise provided herein.

To approve sites, plans, etc., for school buildings.

SECTION 33. No site for a school building shall be acquired by the city unless the approval of the site by the school committee is first obtained. No plans for the construction of or alterations in a school building shall be accepted, and no work shall be begun on the construction or alteration of a school building, unless the approval of the school committee and the mayor therefor is first obtained. Nothing herein contained shall require such approval for the making of ordinary repairs.

To make rules and regulations.

SECTION 34. The school committee shall make all reasonable rules and regulations for the management of the public schools of the city and for conducting the business of the committee, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with any laws of the commonwealth.

Meetings to be public, except, etc.

SECTION 35. All meetings of the school committee shall be open to the public, except that, when requested by not less than four members of the committee, any particular meeting shall be private. The vote on any particular measure shall be by the call of the yeas and nays, when requested by not less than two members of the committee.

Vacancies in school committee, how filled.

SECTION 36. If a vacancy occurs in the school committee by failure to elect, or otherwise, the city council and the remaining members of the school committee shall meet in joint convention and elect a suitable person to fill the vacancy until the next annual city election. The mayor, if present, shall preside at the convention.

Initiative petitions for passage of a "measure."

SECTION 37. A petition meeting the requirements hereinafter provided and requesting the city council to pass an ordinance, resolution, order or vote, except an order granted under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the Revised Laws and sections one hundred and twenty-six and one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or requesting the school committee to pass a resolution, order or vote, all of these four terms being hereinafter included in the term "measure", therein set forth or designated, shall be termed an initiative petition, and shall be acted upon as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 38. Signatures to initiative petitions need not be all on one paper. All such papers pertaining to any one measure shall be fastened together and shall be filed in the office of the city clerk as one instrument, with the endorsement thereon of the names and addresses of three persons designated as filing the same. With each signature to said petition shall be stated the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number, if any.

Signatures  
to initiative  
petitions.

Within five days after the filing of said petition the registrars of voters shall ascertain by what number of registered voters the petition is signed, and what percentage that number is of the total number of registered voters, and shall attach thereto their certificate showing the result of such examination.

Certification  
of registered  
voters.

The city clerk shall forthwith transmit the said certificate with the said petition to the city council or to the school committee, accordingly as the petition is addressed, and at the same time shall send a copy of said certificate to one or more of the persons designated on the petition as filing the same.

Certificates  
to be sent city  
council, etc.

SECTION 39. If an initiative petition be signed by registered voters equal in number, except as is provided in section forty-two of this act, to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of registered voters, the city council or the school committee shall, within twenty days after the date of the certificate of the registrars of voters that the petition has been signed by the required percentage of registered voters, either —

Action by  
council or  
school com-  
mittee if  
initiative  
petition is  
fully signed.

1. Pass said measure without alteration, subject to the referendum vote provided by this act or,

Passage.

2. The city council shall call a special election to be held on a Tuesday fixed by it not less than thirty nor more than forty-five days after the date of the certificate hereinbefore mentioned, and shall submit the proposed measure without alteration to a vote of the registered voters of the city at that election: *provided, however*, that if any city election is otherwise to occur within ninety days after the date of said certificate, the city council may, at its discretion, omit calling the special election and submit the proposed measure to the voters at such other previously pending election.

Referendum.

Proviso.

SECTION 40. If an initiative petition be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least eight per cent but less than twenty per cent of the total number of regis-

Referendum,  
when petition  
fails.

Referendum,  
when petition  
fails.

tered voters, and said measure be not passed without alteration within twenty days by the city council or the school committee, as provided in the preceding section, then such proposed measure, without alteration, shall be submitted by the city council to a vote of the registered voters of the city at the next annual city election.

Referendum  
petition.

SECTION 41. If within twenty days after the final passage of any measure by the city council or by the school committee, a petition signed by registered voters of the city, equal in number to at least twelve per cent of the total number of registered voters, be presented to the city council or to the school committee, as the case may be, protesting against such measure or any part thereof taking effect, the same shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from taking effect; and the city council or the school committee, as the case may be, shall immediately reconsider such measure or part thereof; and if such measure or part thereof be not entirely annulled, repealed or rescinded, the city council shall submit the same, by the method herein provided, to a vote of the qualified voters of the city, either at the next regular city election, or at a special election which may, in its discretion, be called for the purpose, and such measure or part thereof shall forthwith become null and void unless a majority of the qualified voters voting on the same at such election shall vote in favor thereof.

The petition provided for by this section shall be termed a referendum petition.

Procedure, etc.

The procedure in respect to such referendum petition shall be the same as that provided by section thirty-nine of this act, except that the words "measure or part thereof protested against" shall for this purpose be understood to replace the word "measure" in that section wherever it may occur, and that the word "referendum" shall be understood to replace the word "initiative" in that section.

Women voters  
to be counted.

SECTION 42. For the purposes of this act, the number of registered women voters shall be taken into account in fixing the requisite number of signatures for initiative and referendum petitions for measures on which they have the right of voting.

Council may  
submit ques-  
tions to voters.

SECTION 43. The city council may, of its own motion, and shall, upon request of the school committee in case of a measure originating with that committee and pertaining to the affairs under its administration, submit to a vote of the registered voters of the city for adoption or rejection at a

general or special city election any proposed measure, or a proposition for the annulment, repeal or amendment of any measure, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as are hereby provided for submission on petition.

SECTION 44. If two or more proposed measures passed at the same election contain conflicting provisions, that one of said measures which received the larger number of affirmative votes shall take effect and the other shall be void.

Measures with conflicting provisions.

SECTION 45. The ballots used when voting upon such proposed measure shall state the nature of the measure in terms sufficient to show the substance thereof. No measure shall go into effect unless it receives the affirmative votes of at least a third of the whole number of registered voters.

Ballots to state nature of measure.

SECTION 46. The selectmen, for the purpose of the first municipal election next succeeding the acceptance of this act, shall provide suitable polling places and give notice thereof, and shall at least ten days before said election appoint all proper election officers therefor; and they shall in general have the powers and perform the duties of the mayor and board of aldermen in cities under chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, the provisions of which, so far as they may be applicable, shall apply to said election; and the town clerk shall perform the duties therein assigned to city clerks. The registrars shall cause to be prepared and published, according to law, lists of qualified voters in each of the wards established by the selectmen.

Selectmen to provide polling places, etc.

SECTION 47. The question of the acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the legal voters of said town at the state election in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. At such election the polls shall be open not less than eight hours; and the vote shall be taken by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the question: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the City of Leominster' be accepted?" and the affirmative votes of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance.

Act to be submitted to the voters at the next state election.

Time of  
taking effect.

SECTION 48. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of said town shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by said town as herein provided.

*Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap.339* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MASHPEE TO FUND  
CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of  
Mashpee may  
incur certain  
indebtedness.

SECTION 1. The town of Mashpee is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding sixteen hundred dollars for the purpose of paying revenue loans issued on account of revenue of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and now outstanding, and to issue notes of the town therefor to be denominated on their face Mashpee Funding Loan, Act of 1915. The said notes shall be payable as follows: four hundred dollars in not more than one year from the date of issue of the loan, and three hundred dollars annually thereafter, so that the whole loan will be paid in not more than five years from the date of issue of the first note. Moneys received on account of any loan made under authority hereof shall be applied exclusively to the payment of nineteen hundred and fourteen revenue loans. The amount required to pay the interest and that part of the principal of the loan maturing each year shall be assessed by the assessors of the town in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed until the debt is extinguished.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap.340* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY AN  
ANNUITY TO THE WIDOW OF ALFRED AUGUSTUS BEST-  
WICK.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston  
may pay an  
annuity to  
Louisa M.  
Bestwick.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay an annuity not exceeding three hundred dollars to Louisa M. Bestwick, widow of Alfred Augustus Bestwick, so long as she remains unmarried. The said Alfred Augustus Bestwick, while in the discharge of his duties as a member of the fire department of the city, received injuries or contracted a disease which resulted in his death. The fire



commissioner may from time to time order the said annuity to be reduced.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of said city, with the approval of the mayor.

To be submitted to city council, etc.

*Approved May 13, 1915.*

[Accepted June 16, 1915.]

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[1887, 403; 1890, 211; 1892, 211; 1897, 214; 1912, 601; 1913, 507; 1914, 701.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM TO INCUR *Chap. 341*  
INDEBTEDNESS FOR AN EXTENSION OF ITS SYSTEM OF  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Framingham, for the purpose of constructing for the villages of Framingham Centre and Saxonville in that town an extension of the town's present system of sewage disposal, is hereby authorized to borrow money, beyond the statutory limit of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to issue notes or bonds therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, Framingham Sewerage — Extension Loan, Act of 1915, and also the words, Exempt from Taxation in Massachusetts; shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates of issue, shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the selectmen of the town. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem expedient; but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Town of Framingham may borrow money to extend its sewerage system.

SECTION 2. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan. The assessors of the town shall, without further action by the town, annually assess such sums as may be needed to pay the interest on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required

Payment of loan.

under the provisions of this act, in the same manner in which other town taxes are assessed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap.342* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF BARNSTABLE HARBOR IN THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Improvement  
of Barnstable  
harbor in  
Barnstable.

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to make an examination and survey and to dredge a channel and anchorage basin in Barnstable harbor in the town of Barnstable, from deep water in said harbor to and into that part of said harbor known as Maraspin creek, in such locations and to such depths as it may deem necessary or advisable.

Expenses of  
examination,  
etc.  
  
Proviso.

SECTION 2. Said board may expend for said examination and survey and for dredging a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars: *provided, however,* that no part of this sum shall be available or expended until there is presented to the auditor of the commonwealth satisfactory evidence that the town of Barnstable has voted to accept this act, to build a public wharf and landing and also an approach thereto, in said town, at or near the inshore end of the channel or anchorage basin to be dredged by said board, that an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars has been made by the town of Barnstable under the provisions of chapter four hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine for dredging a part of said channel and basin, and that the town of Barnstable has appropriated an amount not less than one thousand dollars for the purpose of building a public wharf and landing and providing an approach thereto. Said public wharf and landing are to be built in conformity with a license therefor which may be issued by the board of harbor and land commissioners under authority of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws.

License to  
issue by board  
of harbor and  
land com-  
missioners.

Town may  
purchase land.

SECTION 3. The town of Barnstable is hereby authorized to purchase, or take, and to hold and maintain for the purposes of a public wharf and landing and for an approach thereto, land and flats in that part of Barnstable harbor known as Maraspin creek at or near the inshore end of the channel or anchorage basin to be dredged by the board of harbor and land commissioners, and also land for the purpose

of an approach to said public wharf and landing in said town.

SECTION 4. Within sixty days after taking any land or flats under authority hereof, the selectmen of the town of Barnstable shall cause a description of the land and flats taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which they were taken, signed by a majority of the selectmen, to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable; and upon such recording, title to the land and flats so taken shall vest in the town of Barnstable. Damages occasioned by the taking may be recovered in the manner provided in the case of land taken for a highway.

Description  
of land, etc.,  
taken, to be  
recorded.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of acquiring said land and flats and of constructing said public wharf and landing the town of Barnstable may borrow, within the statutory limit of indebtedness, any part of the sums authorized under the provisions of this act which may be necessary, not less in the aggregate than one thousand dollars, and may issue notes or bonds of the town therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, Town of Barnstable, Barnstable Harbor Public Wharf Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within five years from its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. The notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the treasurer may deem expedient, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value; and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

Town of  
Barnstable,  
Barnstable  
Harbor Public  
Wharf Loan,  
Act of 1915.

Rate of  
interest.

SECTION 6. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act; and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the notes or bonds issued as aforesaid by the town and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the

Payment of  
loan.

provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

Act to be submitted to voters, etc.

SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Barnstable at any time within nine months after its passage, at a special meeting called for the purpose; and it shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon; but not more than one such special meeting shall be called for the purpose.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of its submission as aforesaid, this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

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[1886, 336; 1887, 141; 1888, 129; 1895, 82, 344; 1898, 223; 1903, 199; 1912, 336; 1914, 337.]

*Chap.343* AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF THE MANSFIELD WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID DISTRICT TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Limits of Mansfield Water Supply District extended, etc.

SECTION 1. The limits of the Mansfield Water Supply District, as established by section one of chapter three hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, are hereby extended so as to include the territory lying within the following metes and bounds, to wit: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of said district as now established, thence in a straight line southerly, about sixty-five hundred feet, to a point in the Norton town line four hundred feet east of the centre of South Main street at said town line; thence westerly by said town line six hundred feet to a point two hundred feet west of the centre of said South Main street; thence northerly in a straight line, about sixty-eight hundred feet, to a point in the southerly line of said district, distant thirteen hundred feet from the said southeast corner of said district; thence easterly by said district line to said southeasterly corner. The territory lying within the above described bounds hereby annexed to said district shall have all the rights, privileges, liabilities and powers belonging to said district under the provisions of chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six and chapter one hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

SECTION 2. Said district, for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, and for the purpose of extending and enlarging its water works, may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Mansfield Water Supply District Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after their respective dates, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from the date thereof, and otherwise shall be issued upon the same terms and conditions and with the same powers as are provided in chapter three hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen for the issue of bonds by said Mansfield Water Supply District.

Mansfield  
Water Supply  
District Loan,  
Act of 1915.

SECTION 3. All of the authority granted to said district by this act and not otherwise specifically provided for shall be vested in the board of water commissioners of the district elected and exercising authority in accordance with the provisions of section ten of chapter three hundred and thirty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Certain  
provisions of  
law to apply.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two thirds vote of the legal voters of the Mansfield Water Supply District present and voting thereon at any legal meeting called for the purpose after its passage; and for the purpose of being submitted to the voters as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Act to be  
submitted to  
voters, etc.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

[Accepted, June 9, 1915.]

[1824, 112; 1875, 55.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MINISTERIAL  
FUND OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN RANDOLPH. *Chap. 344*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of the First Baptist Church in Randolph, a corporation established by chapter one hundred and twelve of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four, approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, as amended by chapter fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, together with the adult members of said church, are hereby authorized to adopt, from time

Trustees of  
Ministerial  
Fund of First  
Baptist Church  
in Randolph  
may adopt  
rules, etc.

to time, such rules and regulations for the management of the funds belonging to the corporation, for transacting the business of the corporation and for electing its officers, as they shall deem expedient.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of section three of the said chapter one hundred and twelve as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

[Northampton & Amherst St. Ry. Co., 1899, 293; 1901, 307, 412; — name changed to Conn. Valley St. Ry. Co. June 3, 1905; 1909, 355; 1910, 592.]

*Chap.345* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTHERN MASSACHUSETTS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY TO CONSOLIDATE WITH OR TO PURCHASE THE FRANCHISE AND PROPERTY OF THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Northern  
Massachusetts  
Street Railway  
Company may  
consolidate  
with Con-  
necticut Valley  
Street Railway  
Company, etc.

SECTION 1. The Northern Massachusetts Street Railway Company and the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company may consolidate or the Northern Massachusetts Street Railway Company may purchase the franchise and property of the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company, and the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company may sell and convey its franchise and property to the Northern Massachusetts Street Railway Company in the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided by law for consolidation or purchase and sale by companies whose railways connect with one another: *provided*, that the public service commission, after notice and a public hearing, shall find that such purchase and sale and the terms thereof are consistent with the public interest; and the purchasing or consolidated company may increase its capital stock and issue bonds to an amount necessary for the purposes hereby authorized and may exchange its securities for those of the selling or merged company in the manner and to the extent provided with respect to such purchasing or consolidated companies under the general law, and shall be subject to all provisions of general law now or hereafter in force relating to such purchasing or consolidated companies.

Proviso,

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

[1915, 254, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CELLARS AND BASEMENTS *Chap. 346*  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AS LIVING ROOMS.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section sixty-eight of chapter five hundred and fifty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, as amended by section one of chapter six hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — (h) Whenever basement rooms which do not comply with all the technical requirements of this act are, in the opinion of the board of health, supplied with sufficient light and ventilation and are suitable rooms for living and sleeping purposes, the board, after an inspection of the premises and a report in writing as to the area, capacity and other conditions, may issue a certificate to the owner of the building stating that, in the opinion of the board, such rooms are fit to be occupied for living and sleeping purposes. The issue of the said certificate shall operate as an exemption from the technical requirements of this section in all the particulars set forth in said certificate: *provided*, that said certificate is kept at all times posted in a conspicuous place in such room. A file and record of all such reports and certificates shall be kept in the office of the board of health. Said board may revoke the certificate if such room in its opinion, ceases to be suitable for the purposes named in the certificate, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 68.* In tenement houses hereafter erected no room in the basement or cellar shall be occupied for living purposes, unless all of the following conditions are complied with: —

1907, 550, § 68,  
etc., amended.Conditions  
under which  
cellars and  
basements may  
be occupied  
for living  
purposes in  
Boston.

(1.) Such room shall be at least eight and one half feet high in every part from the floor to the ceiling.

(2.) There shall be appurtenant to such room the use of a separate water-closet, constructed and arranged as required by section sixty-nine.

(3.) Such room shall have a window or windows opening upon the street, an alley or open passageway not less than fifteen feet in width, a railroad right of way, cemetery or public park or upon a yard or court. The total area of windows in such room shall be at least one eighth of the floor area of the room, and one half of the sash shall be

Conditions under which cellars and basements may be occupied for living purposes in Boston.

made to open full width, and the top of each window shall be within six inches of the ceiling.

(4.) The floor of such room shall be damp-proof and waterproof, and all walls surrounding such room shall be damp-proof.

No room on any floor of any house or building now existing or hereafter erected which floor is in whole or in part below the highest point of the curb of a public street or way in front and within twenty-five feet of the outside wall, and no room on any floor thereof which floor is in whole or in part below the highest point of the ground adjacent to such building and within fifteen feet thereof, shall be occupied for sleeping purposes unless all of the following conditions are complied with: —

(a.) Such room shall on at least one side abut on an outside wall of said building for a space of at least seven feet.

(b.) Such room shall have a window or windows opening directly upon an open space not less than fifteen feet square, and open from the ground to the sky without obstruction; such window or windows shall have a total area of not less than ten square feet and not less than one eighth of the floor area of said room, and both halves of the sash of each window shall be made to open to their full width, and the top of each window shall be within six inches of the ceiling.

(c.) At least sixty per cent of the area of any such room shall be above the level of the highest point of the ground within fifteen feet of the outside wall or walls of said room and in which the windows above required are situated.

(d.) The floor of such room and all walls surrounding the room shall be damp-proof and waterproof.

(e.) Such room shall be at least eight feet six inches in height in every part, from floor to ceiling: *provided*, that in tenement houses erected prior to the first day of August, nineteen hundred and seven, and in other houses and buildings erected prior to the first day of June, nineteen hundred and fourteen, it shall be sufficient if said room is seven feet in height over at least four fifths of its area.

(f.) There shall be appurtenant to such room a water-closet, constructed and arranged as required by section sixty-nine, and used solely by the occupants of said room or by the household of which said occupants are members.

(g.) No such room shall be occupied for sleeping purposes without a permit from the board of health, such permit to



be posted in a conspicuous place in the main room of the apartment. A record of all such permits shall be kept in the office of the board of health.

Conditions under which cellars and basements may be occupied for living purposes in Boston.

(h.) Whenever basement rooms which do not comply with all the technical requirements of this act are, in the opinion of the board of health, supplied with sufficient light and ventilation and are suitable rooms for living and sleeping purposes, the board, after an inspection of the premises and a report in writing as to the area, capacity and other conditions, may issue a certificate to the owner of the building stating that, in the opinion of the board, such rooms are fit to be occupied for living and sleeping purposes. The issue of the said certificate shall operate as an exemption from the technical requirements of this section in all the particulars set forth in said certificate: *provided*, that said certificate is kept at all times posted in a conspicuous place in such room. A file and record of all such reports and certificates shall be kept in the office of the board of health. Said board may revoke the certificate if such room in its opinion, ceases to be suitable for the purposes named in the certificate.

Proviso.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

[1915, 352, Spec.]

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AUTHORIZED  
DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER EX-  
PENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW. *Chap. 347*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue unless it is otherwise specified, to wit: —

Appropriations.

For reimbursing the city of Northampton for expenses for the support of the Smith's agricultural school and Northampton school of industries, as authorized by chapter eighteen of the resolves of the present year, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Reimbursing city of Northampton for support of certain schools.

For printing the general laws relating to towns, as compiled by the secretary of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter twenty-two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Printing general laws relating to towns.

For expenses of an investigation and report by the state department of health and the trustees of hospitals for con-

Investigation as to reimbursing cities and towns

for care of  
tuberculous  
patients.

sumptives, relative to reimbursing cities and towns for hospital care of tuberculous patients, as authorized by chapter twenty-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Card catalogue  
in state library.

For continuing the work on the card catalogue of the state library, as authorized by chapter twenty-six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Massachusetts  
Charitable  
Eye and Ear  
Infirmiry.

For the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmiry, as authorized by chapter thirty-one of the resolves of the present year, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars.

Edward K.  
Tolman.

For Edward K. Tolman, as compensation for certain ballot boxes furnished for the election department of the secretary of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter thirty-seven of the resolves of the present year, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

New Bedford  
textile school.

For the maintenance of the New Bedford textile school, as authorized by chapter thirty-eight of the resolves of the present year, the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars.

Investigation  
as to persons  
with defective  
eyesight.

For expenses of investigation and assistance by the Massachusetts commission for the blind in respect to persons with defective eyesight, as authorized by chapter forty of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Investigation  
as to making  
Mount Grace  
a state park.

For expenses of an investigation by the state forest commission, relative to establishing a state park or forest reservation at Mount Grace, in the town of Warwick, as authorized by chapter forty-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Annuity for  
widow and  
children of  
James A.  
Cully.

For an annuity for the widow and minor children of James A. Cully, as authorized by chapter forty-three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

Pittsfield  
Angler's Club.

For the Pittsfield Angler's Club, to be expended by the commission on fisheries and game, as authorized by chapter forty-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty-nine dollars.

Erection of  
monument to  
Colonel Henry  
Tillinghast  
Sisson.

For expenses of the commonwealth in the erection of a monument in memory of Colonel Henry Tillinghast Sisson, as authorized by chapter fifty-eight of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Annuity for  
Edward  
Harrington  
of Boston.

For an annuity for Edward Harrington of Boston, as authorized by chapter fifty-nine of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

For The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River, as authorized by chapter sixty-two of the resolves of the present year, the following sums:— For maintenance expenses, twenty-two thousand dollars; for equipment, two thousand dollars.

The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River.

For the Lowell textile school, as authorized by chapter sixty-three of the resolves of the present year, the following sums:— For maintenance expenses, fifty thousand dollars; for equipment, fifteen thousand dollars; to cover a deficiency in expenses of nineteen hundred and fourteen, seven hundred eighty dollars and eighty cents.

Lowell textile school.

For the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Aberjona river in the town of Winchester, to be expended under the direction of the metropolitan park commission from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, as authorized by chapter two hundred and forty-nine of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

Improvement of sanitary condition of Aberjona river.

For increasing the bathing facilities at Nahant beach bath house, to be expended under the direction of the metropolitan park commission from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, as authorized by chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

Increasing bathing facilities at Nahant beach bath house.

For the salary of a second assistant district attorney for the southeastern district, as authorized by chapter eighty-eight of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding eight hundred twenty-two dollars and sixty cents.

Salary of second assistant district attorney for southeastern district.

For giving publicity as to the benefits of life insurance through certain savings banks, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Insurance Guaranty Fund, as authorized by chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Publicity as to savings bank life insurance.

For payment for certain land taken by the commission on Mount Everett state reservation, as required by a decree of the superior court, the sum of four thousand sixty-three dollars and eighty-six cents.

Land taken by commission on Mount Everett reservation.

For the commonwealth's proportion of the cost of constructing a certain highway leading from Holden to Rutland, as authorized by section three of chapter six hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Certain highway leading from Holden to Rutland.

Commission on  
gratuities.

For expenses of the commission on gratuities, as established by chapter seven hundred and two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

First assistant  
inspector of gas  
and electric  
light commis-  
sioners.

The appropriation made by chapter two hundred and thirty-six of the Special Acts of the present year for the salary of the present first assistant inspector of the gas and electric light commissioners is hereby made available to be used for the salary of any succeeding inspector.

Annual re-  
port of state  
department  
of health.

For printing the annual report of the state department of health, the sum of three hundred four dollars and eighty-four cents, the same being in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Clerk of board  
of prison com-  
missioners.

For clerks in the board of prison commissioners, the sum of eighty dollars and thirty-eight cents, the same being in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Pensions for  
cleaners in  
state house.

For pensions for women formerly employed by the sergeant-at-arms in cleaning in and about the state house, a sum not exceeding one hundred and five dollars, the same to be in addition to the amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Metropolitan  
Parks Loan  
Sinking Fund,  
Boulevards.

For the Metropolitan Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Boulevards, being one half of the requirements, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred and eight dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

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[1908, 494.]

**Chap. 348** AN ACT RELATIVE TO REVOKING AND SUSPENDING LICENSES FOR THEATRICAL AND LIKE EXHIBITIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1908, 494, § 1,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and ninety-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — The mayor and the police commissioner of Boston and the chief justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston, by a majority vote, may revoke or suspend any such license at their pleasure, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The mayor of Boston, except as provided in section forty-six of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised

Licensing of  
theatrical and  
like exhibitions  
in Boston.

Laws, shall grant a license for theatrical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and exhibitions of every description, to which admission is obtained upon payment of money or upon the delivery of any valuable thing, or by a ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valuable thing, upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable, but there shall not be charged a fee exceeding one hundred dollars for such license when the entertainment, exhibition or show is given in a building licensed as a theatre. A license to be exercised in a building licensed as a theatre shall be for a theatrical season and shall expire on the first day of August of each year. The mayor and the police commissioner of Boston and the chief justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston, by a majority vote, may revoke or suspend any such license at their pleasure.

Power to suspend or revoke a license.

SECTION 2. Section two of chapter four hundred and ninety-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 21, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE TO APPOINT SCHOOL PHYSICIANS, MEDICAL INSPECTORS AND SCHOOL NURSES IN THAT CITY.

*Chap. 349*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. So much of chapter five hundred and two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six and of acts in amendment thereof as provides that in cities the board of health shall appoint school physicians, shall not apply to the city of Holyoke, and the school physician or physicians, and the medical inspectors and school nurses in that city shall be appointed and controlled by the school board.

School board of Holyoke may appoint school physicians, inspectors and nurses.

SECTION 2. Appointments and reappointments of the said officers and employees shall be made in conformity with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Massachusetts civil service commission.

Civil service rules to apply.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the city of Holyoke, with the approval of the mayor.

To be submitted to board of aldermen, etc.

*Approved May 22, 1915.*

[Accepted June 17, 1915.]

[1915, 282, Spec.]

*Chap.350* AN ACT TO REVIVE THE CHARTER OF THE BROADWAY PHARMACY, INCORPORATED, AND TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF SAID CORPORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Charter of  
Broadway  
Pharmacy,  
Incorporated,  
revived.

SECTION 1. The corporation heretofore known as the Broadway Pharmacy, Incorporated, and having its place of business at Cambridge, is hereby revived and continued, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities which pertained to it prior to the passage of chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Acts confirmed,  
etc.

SECTION 2. All acts done by the said company which would have been legal and valid if said chapter two hundred and eighty-two had not been passed are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 22, 1915.*

*Chap.351* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HARBOR IN THE VICINITY OF THE OLD CORPORATION WHARF IN THE TOWN OF DENNIS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Improvement  
of harbor in  
vicinity of Old  
Corporation  
wharf in  
Dennis.

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to make a survey and examination and to dredge a channel and anchorage basin in the harbor in the vicinity of the Old Corporation wharf, so-called, in the town of Dennis, in such locations and to such depths as it may deem necessary and advisable.

Certain sum  
of money may  
be spent.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. Said board may expend for said examination and survey and for dredging a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars: *provided, however,* that no part of said sum shall be available or expended until there is presented to the auditor of the commonwealth satisfactory evidence that the town of Dennis has voted to accept this act, to build a public wharf and landing and an approach thereto, in said town of Dennis, at or near the inshore end of the channel or anchorage basin to be dredged by said board, and that the said town has appropriated an amount, which shall not be less than five hundred dollars, for the purpose of building a public wharf and landing and providing an

approach thereto. Said public wharf and landing are to be built in conformity with a license therefor which may be issued by the board of harbor and land commissioners under authority of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws.

Board of harbor and land commissioners to issue license.

SECTION 3. The town of Dennis is hereby authorized to purchase or take and to hold and maintain for the purposes of a public wharf and landing and for an approach thereto land and flats in the harbor in the vicinity of the Old Corporation wharf, so-called, at or near the inshore end of the channel or anchorage basin to be dredged by the board of harbor and land commissioners, also land for the purposes of an approach to said public wharf and landing in said town.

Purchase of land, etc.

SECTION 4. Within sixty days after taking any land or flats under authority hereof the selectmen of said town of Dennis shall cause a description of the land and flats taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which they were taken, signed by a majority of the selectmen, to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable; and upon said recording, title to the land and flats so taken shall vest in the town of Dennis. Damages occasioned by the taking may be recovered in the manner provided in the case of land taken for a highway.

Description of land, etc., taken to be recorded.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of acquiring said land and flats and of erecting said public wharf and landing the town of Dennis may borrow, within the statutory limit of indebtedness, such sum or sums of money, as may be necessary, not less in the aggregate than five hundred dollars, and may issue notes or bonds of the town therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, Town of Dennis, Public Wharf Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within five years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of such loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. Said notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The town may sell such notes or bonds at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as

Town of Dennis, Public Wharf Loan, Act of 1915.

Rate of interest.

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| Payment of loan.                    | <p>the treasurer may deem expedient, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value; and the proceeds thereof shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.</p> <p>SECTION 6. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act, and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the notes or bonds issued as aforesaid by the town and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.</p> |
| Act to be submitted to voters, etc. | <p>SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Dennis at any time within nine months after its passage, at a special meeting called for the purpose by the selectmen, and it shall become operative upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.</p>  |
| Time of taking effect.              | <p>SECTION 8. For the purpose of its submission as aforesaid, this act shall take effect upon its passage.</p> <p><i>Approved May 24, 1915.</i></p>  |

[1915, 346, Spec.]

*Chap.352* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

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| 1907, 550, § 9, etc., amended.    | <p>SECTION 1. Section nine of chapter five hundred and fifty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, as amended by section one of chapter seven hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Buildings of the third class in the city of Boston may be reconstructed, altered, enlarged, repaired and extended so as to cover a greater area of land: <i>provided</i>, that the reconstruction, alteration, enlargement or extension conforms to the requirements of law in respect to new buildings of the same character; and, <i>provided, also</i>, that not more than sixty per cent of the lot is covered, —</p> |
| Building limits, etc., in Boston. | <p>so as to read as follows: — <i>Section 9.</i> The building limits of the city of Boston as they now exist shall continue until changed by ordinance, and the city council may by ordinance</p>   |



from time to time extend and define said building limits, and may establish other limits in any part of the city within which every building built after the establishment thereof shall be of the first or second class. This restriction shall not apply to wharves, nor to buildings not exceeding twenty-seven feet in height on wharves, nor to market sheds or market buildings not exceeding such height, nor to elevators for the storage of coal or grain, if the external parts of such buildings, elevators, or other structures are covered with slate, tile, metal, or other equally fire-proof material, and the mode of construction and the location thereof are approved by the commissioner. Temporary structures to facilitate the prosecution of any authorized work may be erected under such conditions as the commissioner may prescribe.

Restrictions  
not to apply  
in certain cases.

Single and two-family dwellings not to be occupied, or intended, arranged or designed to be occupied, by more than two families, may be built of third class construction in all parts of the city of Boston not included in the building limits of said city as they existed prior to the twenty-second day of September in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen; but no such building shall occupy more than sixty per cent of the area of the lot upon which it is situated, and all such buildings shall be constructed with pitched roofs not less than thirty degrees with the horizontal.

Construction  
of single and  
two-family  
dwellings.

Buildings of the third class in the city of Boston may be reconstructed, altered, enlarged, repaired and extended so as to cover a greater area of land: *provided*, that the reconstruction, alteration, enlargement or extension conforms to the requirements of law in respect to new buildings of the same character; and *provided, also*, that not more than sixty per cent of the lot is covered.

Third class  
buildings.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. Section ten of said chapter five hundred and fifty is hereby amended by inserting after the word "portable", in the sixth line, the words: — or permanent, — by inserting after the word "department", in the seventh line, the words: — except as provided in section seventeen of this act and amendments thereof or additions thereto, — and by inserting after the word "commissioners", in the eighth line, the words: — and also provided that permits from the building commissioner for the erection of school buildings shall be required and that such buildings shall be subject to the inspection of the building department, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 10.* The provisions of this act shall not apply to bridges, quays, or wharves, nor to buildings

1907, 550, § 10,  
amended.

Provisions  
not to apply  
to certain  
structures.

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structures.

on land ceded to the United States or owned and occupied by the commonwealth, nor to the Suffolk county court house, jail, or house of correction, nor to railroad stations, nor to portable or permanent school buildings erected and maintained by the schoolhouse department, except as provided in section seventeen of this act and amendments thereof or additions thereto, nor to voting booths erected and maintained by the board of election commissioners; and also provided that permits from the building commissioner for the erection of school buildings shall be required and that such buildings shall be subject to the inspection of the building department.

Powers of  
certain boards  
and commis-  
sions not to  
be abridged.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of this act shall not be held to deprive the board of health, the police commissioner, the board of street commissioners, the board of park commissioners, the board of examiners of gas fitters, the commissioner of wires, or the fire commissioner of the city of Boston of any power or authority which they have at the date of the passage of this act, or of the remedies for the enforcement of the orders of said boards or officers; unless such powers, authorities, or remedies are inconsistent with the provisions of this act; nor to repeal any existing law, not herein expressly repealed, except so far as it may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

1907, 550, § 13,  
etc., amended.

SECTION 3. Section thirteen of said chapter five hundred and fifty, as amended by section three of chapter seven hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "granted", in the fifth line, the words: — unless such building is on the corner of two intersecting ways, in which case the building commissioner shall have authority to grant a permit, — so as to read as follows: —

Prohibitions.

*Section 13.* No alteration or repair of a wooden building within the building limits shall be made without a permit from the commissioner, and no permit to increase the height or ground area of such a building shall be granted, unless such building is on the corner of two intersecting ways, in which case the building commissioner shall have authority to grant a permit, nor shall a permit for alterations or repairs be granted if the estimated cost of the proposed alterations or repairs exceeds one half of the cost of a like new building.

No wooden building, outside the building limits, shall be moved to any position within the building limits.

No recess or chase shall be made in any external or party wall so as to leave the thickness at the back less than eight inches. Prohibitions.

No roof or floor timber entering a party wall shall have less than four inches of solid brickwork between it and the end of any other timber.

No part of any roof shall be constructed in such a manner as to discharge snow, ice, or other material upon a public street or alley.

No elevated staging or stand for observation purposes shall be constructed or occupied upon the roof of any building.

No chimney shall be corbelled from a wall more than the thickness of the wall.

No chimney shall be hung from a wall which is less than twelve inches thick.

No masonry shall rest upon wood, except piles and mud sills.

No part of any floor timber shall be within two inches of any chimney.

No studding or furring shall be within one inch of any chimney.

No furnace or boiler for heating shall be placed upon a wooden floor.

No smoke pipe shall project through any external wall or window.

No steam, furnace, or other hot air pipes shall be carried within one inch of any woodwork, unless such pipes are double or otherwise protected by incombustible material. No combustible partition shall be within four feet of the sides and back or within six feet of the front of any boiler, carrying a pressure of over ten pounds, unless the partition is covered with incombustible material which extends to the full height of the partition from the end or back of the boiler to at least five feet in front of it. In such case the distance shall be not less than two feet from all the sides and five feet from the front of the boiler, and all lath and plaster and wooden ceiling beams over the boiler and to a distance of not less than four feet in front of all such boilers shall be covered with incombustible material.

No observation stand shall be constructed or maintained except in accordance with plans approved by the commissioner.

No closet of any kind shall be constructed under any staircase leading from the cellar or basement to the first story.

## Prohibitions.

No boiler shall be placed or maintained under any public way.

No part of any structure, except cornices, permanent awnings, string courses, window caps and sills, bay windows, under such terms, conditions, regulations and restrictions as may be required by the mayor and board of aldermen, and outside means of egress, as otherwise provided, and signs as provided in chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, shall project over any public way or square. No cornice or bay window shall so project more than three feet; nor more than twelve inches over a way of a width of thirty feet or less.

No building within forty feet of the property of any adjoining owner shall be erected for or converted to use as a stable, unless such use is authorized by the board of health after a public hearing. Written notice of such hearing shall be given to the adjoining owners, and published at least three times in at least two newspapers published in Boston, ten days at least before the hearing.

No material other than brick, tile, slate, metal, asbestos shingles or slag shall hereafter be used to cover or roof any building, or the tops and sides and outsides of the frames of any dormer window, or any other projection of the roof of any building, except wooden cornices on wooden frame buildings, but on flat roofs composition or tar and gravel may be used or such other quality of fire-resisting roofing as the commissioner may authorize. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of materials approved by the commissioner for repairing any roof now covered with wooden shingles, provided that the building is not altered in height or otherwise generally reconstructed, nor to prohibit covering with such approved materials the roofs of buildings less than sixteen feet in height.

No part of any first or second class building hereafter erected, except the eaves and cornices, shall be nearer than five feet to the line of any adjoining lot on any side on which such building has any opening in the outer wall thereof unless all such openings are protected by wire glass set in metal frames and sash.

1907, 550, § 45,  
etc., amended.

SECTION 4. Section forty-five of said chapter five hundred and fifty, as amended by section ten of chapter seven hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by striking

out the words “and basements”, in the twenty-eighth line, by striking out the word “eight”, in the twenty-ninth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, — by striking out the words “the basements of”, in the thirtieth line, by inserting after the word “commissioner”, in the thirty-third line, the words: — the building commissioner may order the basement of any such tenement house more than three stories in height and having more than ten suites to be provided with a system of automatic sprinklers approved by him as to location, arrangement and efficiency, — by striking out the words “and in every tenement house hereafter erected”, in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth lines, and inserting in place thereof the words: — which is, — by inserting after the word “suites”, in the fortieth line, the words: — and in every such tenement house hereafter erected, — and by striking out all after the word “passageway”, in the forty-eighth line, and inserting in place thereof the words: — constructed in such manner and with such exits and fire doors as the building commissioner shall deem necessary for the preservation of public safety, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 45.* Every tenement house hereafter erected shall have a main staircase of fireproof material, extending from the entrance floor to the roof, and with a pent house constructed of incombustible material. The said staircase shall not extend below the entrance floor level and shall be enclosed in brick, terra-cotta or concrete walls, or by two-inch solid metal and plaster partitions. All door openings into suites shall have metal covered self-closing doors and metal covered frames. Public halls therein shall each be at least three feet wide in the clear, and stairs shall be at least three feet wide between the wall and the stair rail.

Stairways and public halls in tenement houses.

Each stairway shall have an entrance on the entrance floor from a street or alley or open passageway or from an outer court, or from an inner court which connects directly with a street or alley or open passageway. All stairs shall be constructed with a rise of not more than eight inches, and with treads not less than nine inches wide and not less than three feet long in the clear. Where winders are used all treads at a point eighteen inches from the strings on the wall side shall be at least ten inches wide.

Entrances.

In every tenement house all stairways shall be provided with proper balusters and railings kept in good repair. No public hall or stairs in a tenement house shall be reduced in

Balusters and railings to be kept in repair.

width so as to be less than the minimum width prescribed in this section.

Automatic  
sprinklers.

Public halls, stairs, elevator, light and ventilating shafts in all tenement houses hereafter erected more than three stories in height and having more than ten suites, and all such existing tenement houses shall be provided with a system of automatic sprinklers approved as to location, arrangement and efficiency by the building commissioner. The building commissioner may order the basement of any such tenement house more than three stories in height and having more than ten suites to be provided with a system of automatic sprinklers approved by him as to location, arrangement and efficiency.

Lights.

Public halls and stairs in all tenement houses now existing or hereafter erected more than three stories in height, and having more than eight suites, shall be provided with proper and sufficient lights to be kept lighted during the night.

Elevators, etc.,  
to be enclosed  
in masonry  
walls, etc.

In every existing tenement house which is more than three stories in height, and having more than eight suites, and in every such tenement house hereafter erected, all elevators, vent and dumb-waiter shafts, shall be enclosed in the basement in masonry walls not less than eight inches thick, or with two-inch solid metal and plaster partitions with a fireproof self-closing door; and if in any such building a stairway leads from the first floor to the basement, such stairway shall be enclosed in masonry walls not less than eight inches thick, or with two-inch solid metal and plaster partitions, and shall lead directly into a passageway constructed in such manner and with such exits and fire doors as the building commissioner shall deem necessary for the preservation of public safety.

1907, 550, § 107,  
amended.

Exits, stair-  
ways, etc., in  
public build-  
ings.

SECTION 5. Said chapter five hundred and fifty is hereby further amended by striking out section one hundred and seven and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 107.* Every building hereafter erected containing a hall or assembly room shall conform to all the aforesaid requirements as to exits, stairways, exit lights, aisles and seats, which apply to theatres: *provided*, that the same are necessary for the preservation of public safety and are specially ordered by the building commissioner. All orders of the building commissioner under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the authority of a majority of the board of appeal, which may annul or modify such orders.

Proviso.

*Approved May 25, 1915.*

[Framingham, 1881, 206; 1884, 271; 1905, 476; 1906, 526; 1907, 380; 1912, 656; Ashland, 1908, 456.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM TO  
SUPPLY WATER TO INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ASH-  
LAND. Chap.353

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Framingham is hereby au-  
thorized to supply water to the inhabitants of that part of  
the town of Ashland known as the Waushakum district,  
upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the water com-  
missioners of said towns. Town of  
Framingham  
may supply  
water to in-  
habitants of  
town of  
Ashland.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HOLYOKE TO ESTABLISH  
THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY CITY TREASURER. Chap.354

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Holyoke may, by ordinance,  
establish the office of deputy city treasurer and may pre-  
scribe the manner of his appointment and his powers and  
duties. City of  
Holyoke may  
establish the  
office of  
deputy city  
treasurer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

[1908, 557.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVING THE ENTRANCE TO  
SESUIT HARBOR IN THE TOWN OF DENNIS. Chap.355

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners  
is hereby authorized and directed to improve the entrance  
to Sesuit harbor in the town of Dennis by the construction  
of a jetty or jetties, and otherwise. For this purpose the  
board may expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars. Improving the  
entrance to  
Sesuit harbor  
in Dennis.

SECTION 2. The said board may purchase or take in the  
name and behalf of the commonwealth any land or materials  
necessary for carrying out the provisions of this act. The  
manner of such taking and of determining the damages  
caused thereby, or by any other doings of said board under  
the provisions of this act, shall be the same as is provided  
by sections seven and eight of chapter four hundred and  
seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
Purchase of  
land, etc.

three, relative to the taking of land by the metropolitan park commission; and said board shall, for the purposes of this act, have powers like those conferred upon the metropolitan park commission by said sections. The damages when finally determined shall be paid out of the sum hereby authorized.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1900, 191.]

*Chap.356* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF LEWIS BAY IN THE TOWNS OF BARNSTABLE AND YARMOUTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Improvement  
of Lewis bay  
in Barnstable  
and Yarmouth.

SECTION 1. The board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to make an examination and survey of Lewis bay in the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth and to dredge a channel or channels and anchorage basin therein in such places and to such depths as it may deem necessary.

Certain sum  
of money may  
be spent.  
  
Proviso.

SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid, the said board may expend a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars: *provided*, that no part of this sum shall be available or expended until there is presented to the auditor of the commonwealth satisfactory evidence that the town of Barnstable has voted to accept this act and to build a public wharf and landing, with an approach thereto, in said town, at or near the inshore end of the channels or anchorage basin to be dredged by said board, and that the said town has appropriated an amount not less than one thousand dollars for the purpose of building a public wharf and landing and providing an approach thereto. Said public wharf and landing shall be built in conformity with a license therefor to be issued by the board of harbor and land commissioners under authority of chapter ninety-six of the Revised Laws.

Town may  
purchase land,  
etc.

SECTION 3. The town of Barnstable is hereby authorized to purchase or take, and to hold and maintain, for the purposes of a public wharf and landing and for an approach thereto, land and flats in Lewis bay, at or near the inshore end of the channels or anchorage basin to be dredged by the board of harbor and land commissioners, and land for the purposes of an approach to said public wharf and landing in said town.



SECTION 4. Within sixty days after taking any land or flats under authority hereof, the selectmen of the town of Barnstable shall cause a description of the land and flats taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which they were taken, signed by a majority of the selectmen, to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable; and, upon such recording, title to the land and flats so taken shall vest in the town of Barnstable. Damages occasioned by the taking may be recovered in the manner provided in the case of land taken for a highway.

Description of  
land, etc., taken,  
to be recorded.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of acquiring said land and flats and of constructing said public wharf and landing the town of Barnstable may borrow, within the statutory limit of indebtedness, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, not less in the aggregate than one thousand dollars, and may issue notes or bonds of the town therefor. Such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words, Town of Barnstable, Lewis Bay Public Wharf Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within five years from its date. The amount of the annual payment of principal and interest upon any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of such loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. The notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the treasurer may deem expedient, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value; and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.

Town of  
Barnstable,  
Lewis Bay  
Public Wharf  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

SECTION 6. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act, and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the notes or bonds issued as aforesaid by the town and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the

Payment of  
loan.

same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

Act to be submitted to voters, etc.

SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Barnstable at any time within nine months after its passage, at a special meeting called for the purpose by the selectmen in the same manner in which an annual meeting is called; and it shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of its submission as aforesaid this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1897, 471; 1911, 544.]

*Chap.357* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BILLERICA TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Billerica may make an additional water loan.

SECTION 1. The town of Billerica, for the purpose of enlarging and improving its water supply and of improving and extending its water distribution system, is hereby authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, and to issue bonds or notes therefor. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, Town of Billerica Water Loan, Act of 1915; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the respective dates thereof, as will extinguish each loan within thirty years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the town and countersigned by the selectmen. The town may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 2. The town shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with section one of this act, and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of operating its water works and the interest as it

accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the town, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1914, 701.]

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS OF THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM. Chap.358

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The action taken and the vote passed by the town of Framingham at its annual election held on March first of the current year, accepting chapter seven hundred and one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, which provides for a board of commissioners of public works in the said town, is hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Certain acts of the town of Framingham confirmed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE THREE RIVERS FIRE DISTRICT TO BORROW MONEY FOR ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOR REFUNDING PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS. Chap.359

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Three Rivers Fire District in the town of Palmer is hereby authorized to expend money for the purpose of purchasing land or acquiring or constructing buildings for fire stations and for the purchase of departmental equipment for the extinguishment of fires, and to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and to issue notes or bonds to that amount.

Three Rivers Fire District may borrow money for its fire department, etc.

SECTION 2. Such notes or bonds shall be denominated on the face thereof, Three Rivers Fire District Loan, Act of 1915, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish within twenty years from its date any loan made for the purpose of purchasing land or acquiring or constructing buildings, and within five years from its date

Three Rivers Fire District Loan, Act of 1915.

Three Rivers  
Fire District  
Loan, Act of  
1915.

any loan for the purchase of departmental equipment. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. Said notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the district and countersigned by the prudential committee. The district may sell the said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes herein specified.

May refund  
certain in-  
debtedness.

SECTION 3. Said district is also authorized to refund certain outstanding indebtedness to an amount not exceeding forty-eight hundred dollars and to issue notes or bonds of the district therefor. The indebtedness so incurred shall be paid by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of issue of the first note or bond, as will extinguish the loan in not more than fifteen years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year.

Payment of  
loans.

SECTION 4. Said district shall, at the time of authorizing said loan or loans, provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of this act, and when a vote to that effect has been passed, a sum which will be sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the notes or bonds issued as aforesaid by the district, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall, without further vote, be assessed by the assessors of the town annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

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[1913, 562.]

*Chap. 360* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO INCUR  
ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS TO EXTEND CERTAIN STREETS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Spring-  
field may bor-  
row money to

SECTION 1. The city of Springfield, for the purposes specified by chapter five hundred and sixty-two of the acts

of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby authorized to incur additional indebtedness to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars and may issue bonds or notes therefor in the same manner as is provided by said chapter five hundred and sixty-two, except that the period within which this additional loan shall be paid shall not exceed twenty years from its date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF YARMOUTH TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR A PUBLIC WHARF AND FOR BATH HOUSES AND BOAT HOUSES. Chap. 361

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Yarmouth is hereby authorized to take by right of eminent domain, or otherwise to acquire, and to hold and maintain for the purposes of a public wharf and for bath houses and boat houses, so much land as may be deemed necessary for the purposes aforesaid by the selectmen of the town, not exceeding one acre, upon the shore of Lewis bay in said town, on the west side of Bay View street, at and near the place formerly known as Baxter's wharf.

Town of Yarmouth may acquire land for public wharf, bath houses, etc.

SECTION 2. The town of Yarmouth is also authorized to construct and maintain upon said property, subject to the approval of the board of harbor and land commissioners as provided by the statutes in relation to wharves within tide waters, a wharf suitable for the landing of all persons travelling in boats, and for the landing of merchandise, and also to construct and maintain thereon bath houses and suitable bathing facilities and boat houses.

May construct wharf.

SECTION 3. The powers conferred by this act upon the town of Yarmouth may be exercised by the selectmen for the time being of said town. The selectmen shall also have the power to make rules and regulations governing the use of said property, with a penalty for the violation thereof, for the purposes for which the same is acquired under this act. Such regulations shall be subject to the approval of a majority vote of the town, if so required by the voters thereof. The selectmen shall have authority to appoint a custodian of said property and to fix his compensation, to be paid by the town.

Rules and regulations by selectmen.

May lease  
locations.

SECTION 4. The town of Yarmouth, by its selectmen, shall have authority to lease locations upon said property for the erection of boat houses and bath houses, under such terms as the regulations of the selectmen may prescribe. All revenue derived from such leases shall be expended for the care and maintenance of the property.

Description of  
property taken  
to be recorded.

SECTION 5. The said property may be taken under proceedings like those authorized for the taking of land for the laying out of highways. Before taking possession of said property the selectmen shall file in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable, a plan showing the property and the highway and shore connected therewith as it exists at the time of filing, together with a statement, signed by the selectmen, stating that the property so shown is taken under authority of this act for the purposes thereof.

Issue of bonds,  
etc.

SECTION 6. The town of Yarmouth is hereby authorized to raise and appropriate and to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor, in order to acquire said property and to construct and equip thereon a wharf and bath houses as authorized by this act; and the town is also authorized to raise and appropriate annually such sums of money as may be deemed necessary by the voters of the town to maintain said property for the purposes authorized by this act.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 7. The town shall, at the time of authorizing a loan under authority hereof, provide for the payment thereof by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date of each loan, as will extinguish each loan within ten years from its date, and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of notes or bonds shall constitute a separate loan. Said notes or bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen of the town. The town may sell said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the treasurer may deem expedient, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified in this act.

Act to be  
submitted to  
voters, etc.

SECTION 8. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Yarmouth within one year after its passage,

either at an annual town meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose by the selectmen in the same manner in which an annual town meeting is called, and shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1900, 98; 1906, 211.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE TEMPLETON VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY. Chap. 362

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter ninety-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred, as amended by chapter two hundred and eleven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, is hereby further amended by inserting after section six the following new section, to be numbered seven, as follows: —

*Section 7.* The said society is hereby authorized to hold and maintain the land and buildings of the Templeton Inn in the said town, which were conveyed to the said society by Moses W. Richardson of Boston by his deed dated October sixteenth, nineteen hundred, and recorded in the Worcester registry of deeds, in book sixteen hundred and sixty-two, page four hundred and forty-nine, according to the terms of the said instrument; and the said society is hereby authorized to carry on the Templeton Inn in such manner as, in the judgment of the society, will be for the best interests of the town of Templeton. The said society is also authorized to supply water from any wells upon its premises to inhabitants of precinct one of the town of Templeton upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the parties, and may maintain and repair the pipes heretofore laid by said society and for this purpose may dig up any public lands or ways in the said town under the direction of the selectmen.

1900, 98, etc.,  
amended.

Templeton  
Village Im-  
provement  
Society may  
hold certain  
property, etc.

SECTION 2. The action of the Templeton Village Improvement Society in carrying on the Templeton Inn in the said town and in furnishing water to certain inhabitants of the said town is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Acts ratified.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1915, 337, Spec.]

*Chap.363* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A STREET RAILWAY BETWEEN SUMMER STREET AND THE COMMONWEALTH PIERS ON NORTHERN AVENUE IN BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Construction and operation of a street railway between Summer street and the commonwealth piers in Boston.

SECTION 1. The directors of the port of Boston, with the approval of the governor and council, are hereby authorized to construct street railway tracks with all the necessary equipment for the proper operation of a street railway from Summer street, in that part of Boston, called South Boston, over such streets, viaducts and ramps and over such lands of the commonwealth as will best connect the piers owned by the commonwealth on Northern avenue with the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Summer street. Said directors may operate, or may lease the said railway upon such terms and conditions, subject to the approval of the governor and council, as will best conserve the interests of the commonwealth.

Payment of cost.

SECTION 2. The cost of the construction and equipment of the said street railway, shall be paid out of the Port of Boston Loan Fund.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

*Chap.364* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HOLYOKE TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN T. LYNCH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Holyoke may pay a sum of money to Anastasia Lynch.

SECTION 1. The city of Holyoke is hereby authorized to pay to Anastasia Lynch, widow of John T. Lynch former chief engineer of the fire department of the said city, the sum which he would have received as such member if he had lived until the end of the present municipal year.

To be submitted to board of aldermen, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the city of Holyoke, with the approval of the mayor.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[Accepted July 10, 1914.]



[1915, 282, Spec.]

AN ACT TO REVIVE THE CHARTER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS Chap. 365  
 LOAN COMPANY AND TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF SAID COR-  
 PORATION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The corporation heretofore known as the Massachusetts Loan Company, and having its place of business in Cambridge, is hereby revived and continued, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities which pertained to it prior to the passage of chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. Charter of  
Massachusetts  
Loan Com-  
pany revived,  
etc.

SECTION 2. All acts done by the said company which would have been legal and valid if said chapter two hundred and eighty-two had not been passed are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid. Acts confirmed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN PENSIONS Chap. 366  
 BY THE CITY OF SALEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The action of the city council of the city of Salem, or of any officers of said city, in granting pensions to Charles H. Cole, William H. Cunningham, Timothy Hallahan, Amos Stillman, David N. Cook, Fred J. Dennett, John J. McMahon, Patrick Bagley, Thomas D. Tucker, Humphrey Haley, Charles H. Miller, Michael Flynn, Charles A. Goldthwaite, John P. Ryan, John B. Skinner, Charles E. Burns, Joseph L. Tivnan, George A. Nichols, Ira M. Berry and William O. Arnold is hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if, in the granting of said pensions, all of the requirements of the charter and ordinances of the city and all other provisions of law had been complied with. Granting of  
pensions by  
the city of  
Salem con-  
firmed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

[1913, 767; 1914, 238.]

*Chap.367* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF FALL RIVER OF PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
WATUPPA PONDS AND QUEQUECHAN RIVER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1913, 767, § 4.  
etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter seven hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, as amended by section one of chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "board", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — department, — and by striking out the word "July", in the fifth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — October, — so as to read as follows: —

Approval by  
the city coun-  
cil of Fall  
River of plans  
for the im-  
provement of  
the Watuppa  
ponds, etc.

*Section 4.* When said plans have been approved by the state department of health, the Watuppa ponds and Quequechan river commission shall submit to the city council of Fall River, not later than the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen, a full report, giving in detail all plans and estimates of the total cost of all proposed works, and estimates of damages to be allowed and benefits to be assessed, and showing the amount of such total costs to be provided for by the city of Fall River. Upon receipt of said report, the city council shall, within thirty days, take positive action on the report, and may refer the same to said commission for revision or with suggested changes, and said commission shall thereupon reconsider said plans and re-submit the same with such changes as it shall approve; or the city council may approve or disapprove said plans. If said plans are finally approved by the city council such approval shall authorize the construction of said proposed works by said commission in accordance with the provisions of this act. Should the city council finally vote to disapprove said plans, without referring the same to said commission for revision, or with suggested changes, the duties and terms of office of said commission shall cease.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE Chap. 368  
OVER THE CHARLES RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWTON  
AND THE TOWN OF WESTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized and directed to alter or reconstruct the present bridge and culvert which form part of the highway across the Charles river between the city of Newton and the town of Weston at the westerly end of Commonwealth avenue, or in its discretion to remove said present bridge and to build such new bridge, culvert and other incidental structures as it may deem necessary to provide for said highway and for the use of the shores of the river as a part of the metropolitan park system, and may expend therefor a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars: *provided*, that all general plans for construction shall be approved by the board of aldermen of the city of Newton and by the selectmen of the town of Weston.

Reconstruction  
of a bridge  
over the  
Charles river  
between New-  
ton and Weston.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures incurred under the provisions of this act the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized, with the approval of the governor and council, to issue bonds to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, as an addition to the amounts already authorized by chapter four hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three and acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof and as part of the Metropolitan Parks Loan. The said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, shall be issued upon the serial payment plan, and shall be payable in such amounts and at such times, within a period not exceeding ten years, as shall be determined by the treasurer and receiver general, with the approval of the governor and council, to be for the best interests of the commonwealth.

Metropolitan  
Parks Loan.

SECTION 3. The annual serial bonds and interest requirements shall be assessed upon and paid by the following parties: Fifty per cent by the cities and towns of the metropolitan parks district, in the manner set forth in chapter four hundred and nineteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one; twenty-five per cent by the city of Newton; ten per cent by the town of Weston; and fifteen per cent by the county of Middlesex. The amounts due

Assessment of  
bonds and  
interest re-  
quirements.

from the cities and towns of the metropolitan parks district, the city of Newton and the town of Weston shall be included in the sum charged to each of said cities and towns in the apportionment and assessment of its state tax, and the amounts due from the county of Middlesex shall be assessed and payable on November fifteenth of each year.

Control and maintenance.

SECTION 4. Upon the completion of the said structures the control and maintenance of the same shall vest in the city of Newton and the town of Weston, and the expense of the maintenance thereof shall be borne by the said city and town respectively in the same manner as the maintenance of the previous structures was borne.

Payment of damages.

SECTION 5. Damages sustained by any person or corporation by the exercise of the powers herein contained shall be estimated and determined in accordance with the provisions of section seven of chapter four hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Acceptance of act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect when accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Newton and by the selectmen of the town of Weston.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

[Weston, accepted, June 7, 1915; Newton, accepted, June 9, 1915.]

*Chap.369* AN ACT IN FURTHER ADDITION TO THE ACTS MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AUTHORIZED DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, unless otherwise specified, to wit: —

Clerical assistance, etc., in office of the department of animal industry.

For clerical assistance and contingent expenses in the office of the department of animal industry, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Norfolk state hospital.

For the maintenance expenses of the Norfolk state hospital, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Temporary aid furnished state paupers and shipwrecked seamen.

To reimburse cities and towns for temporary aid furnished to state paupers and shipwrecked seamen, for the present year and previous years, as approved by the state board of charity, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars,

the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

For the maintenance of the Lyman school for boys, a sum not exceeding eleven hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Lyman school  
for boys.

For certain unpaid military expenses incurred shortly after the fire in the city of Salem in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Certain un-  
paid military  
expenses.

For the maintenance of the state farm, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

State farm.

For the payment of certain pensions authorized by law from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund, a sum not exceeding three hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Certain  
pensions.

For the printing of five hundred copies of the Spencer trial, under the direction of the attorney-general, as approved by the governor and council, the sum of nineteen hundred nineteen dollars and eighty-three cents.

Printing copies  
of the Spencer  
trial.

For incidental expenses in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Incidental ex-  
penses, secre-  
tary of the  
common-  
wealth.

For compensation of veterans of the civil war formerly in the state service but now retired, a sum not exceeding thirty-six hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Compensation  
of veterans of  
the civil war.

For compensation of persons formerly employed in the prisons of the commonwealth but now retired, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Compensation  
of persons  
formerly in  
the employ of  
the prisons.

For expenses in connection with the compensation of employees of the commonwealth for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Employees  
injured in their  
employment.

For the salary of another deputy commissioner of labor in the department of the board of labor and industries, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and in addition

Deputy com-  
missioner of  
labor.

thereto so much of the sum heretofore appropriated for salaries of inspectors and investigators as the board may find necessary.

Postage, stationery, etc., in the executive department.

For postage, stationery and printing in the executive department of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Salaries in department of sergeant-at-arms.

The following sums are to be expended under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms, and are to be in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for the same purposes: —

For salaries of watchmen and assistant watchmen, thirteen hundred and seventy-five dollars; for the salaries of messengers, porters and office boy, fourteen hundred and seventeen dollars; for salaries of chief engineer and other employees in the engineer's department, nine hundred and seventeen dollars; for the care of the state house and grounds, five hundred dollars.

Annual reports of the tax commissioner.

For printing the annual reports of the tax commissioner, the sum of six hundred eleven dollars and twenty-three cents, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Portraits of former governors.

For expenses for the portraits of former governors of the commonwealth, in addition to the unexpended balances of appropriations made by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten and chapter seven hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, the sum of two thousand dollars.

Thomas M. McGee.

For Thomas M. McGee, in compensation for injuries to his minor son, Paul R. McGee, caused by an automobile operated by an employee of the metropolitan water and sewerage board, the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Water Maintenance Fund.

Investigation as to making Ocean avenue in Revere a metropolitan boulevard.

For expenses for the joint board, composed of the metropolitan park commission and the Massachusetts highway commission, in an investigation relative to the desirability of making Ocean avenue in the city of Revere a metropolitan boulevard, a parkway or a state highway, as authorized by chapter sixty-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Reimbursement of company I, sixth regiment, M. V. M., etc.

To reimburse the funds of company I, sixth regiment, Massachusetts volunteer militia, as authorized by chapter sixty-seven of the resolves of the present year, the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight dollars.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of charity, for a manual of laws relating to the charities of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter sixty-eight of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars.

Manual of laws relating to charities.

To be expended by the board of harbor and land commissioners in providing changes in atlas sheets comprising the topographical map of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, as authorized by chapter sixty-nine of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Changes in topographical map, etc.

To be expended by the board of prison commissioners in printing a manual of laws relating to prisons, as authorized by chapter seventy of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Printing manual of laws relating to prisons.

For the New England industrial school for deaf mutes, as authorized by chapter seventy-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars.

New England industrial school for deaf mutes.

To be expended upon the approval of the Massachusetts highway commission, in compensating Edward B. Atwood for certain injuries, as authorized by chapter seventy-two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

Compensating Edward B. Atwood, etc.

To be expended by the board of education for printing the laws relative to public education, as authorized by chapter seventy-three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty dollars.

Printing laws relative to public education.

For an investigation and report by the metropolitan park commission relative to the development of the West Roxbury parkway, as authorized by chapter seventy-five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

Investigation as to development of West Roxbury parkway.

For expenses of the special board to report upon the practicability of providing military education for boys and of creating a militia reserve, as authorized by chapter eighty-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Report as to military education for boys and creating a militia reserve.

To be expended by the sergeant-at-arms for necessary expenses for the removal of various departments of the commonwealth to rooms which may be assigned to them in the state house, as authorized by chapter eighty-two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

Removal of departments to rooms in the state house.

Survey of sea  
beaches in  
Essex county.

To be expended by the board of harbor and land commissioners in making a survey of the sea beaches in the county of Essex, as authorized by chapter eighty-five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Purchase of  
new furniture  
by state house  
commission.

To be expended under the direction of the state house commission for the purchase of new furniture and fixtures, as authorized by chapter eighty-six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

Expenses of  
association of  
justices of  
certain courts.

For certain expenses of the association of justices of the district, police and municipal courts of Massachusetts, as authorized by chapter eighty-eight of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars, which sum shall be available from year to year until it is exhausted, without further appropriation.

Publishing  
laws relating  
to fish and  
game.

To be expended by the board of commissioners on fisheries and game, for publishing the laws of the commonwealth relating to fish and game, as authorized by chapter eighty-nine of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Indexes to  
births, mar-  
riages and  
deaths.

To be expended by the secretary of the commonwealth in making suitable provision in his office for indexes of births, marriages and deaths, as authorized by chapter ninety of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Improvements  
at Massachu-  
setts Agricul-  
tural College.

To be expended by the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College in making certain permanent improvements at said institution, as authorized by chapter ninety-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Codifying laws  
relating to  
highways.

For expenses of the special commission relative to revising and codifying the laws relating to highways, as authorized by chapter ninety-five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Commission  
on uniform  
methods for  
taking land  
for public  
purposes.

For expenses of the special commission on uniform methods of procedure for taking land for public purposes, as authorized by chapter ninety-six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Distributing  
the report of  
the commis-  
sion on the  
white slave  
traffic.

For certain expenses in connection with distributing the report of the special commission on the white slave traffic, as authorized by chapter ninety-nine of the resolves of the present year, the sum of one hundred sixty-two dollars and nine cents out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation made in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen.



For the town of Medfield for educational expenses, as authorized by chapter one hundred of the resolves of the present year, the sum of six hundred ninety-two dollars and twenty-nine cents.

Town of Medfield for educational expenses.

To be expended by the metropolitan water and sewerage board for the benefit of the dependents of James McGovern, as authorized by chapter one hundred and one of the resolves of the present year, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Sewerage Maintenance Fund, North System.

Dependents of James McGovern.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Massachusetts training schools for fire escapes at the industrial school for girls, as authorized by chapter one hundred and two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Fire escapes at the industrial school for girls.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners in an investigation relative to a waterway between the city of Taunton and the city of Brockton, as authorized by chapter one hundred and three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Investigation as to a waterway between Taunton and Brockton.

For compensation for travel to the pages in the department of the sergeant-at-arms, as authorized by chapter two hundred and two of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Travel of pages, etc.

For the maintenance of a laboratory for the use of the detective department of the district police, as authorized by chapter two hundred and twenty of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Laboratory for use of the detective department of the district police.

For expenses incurred for improving the topographical survey of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the General Acts of the present year, to be expended by the board of harbor and land commissioners a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars; and under the direction of the judges of the land court, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Improving the topographical survey of the commonwealth.

To be expended by the board of harbor and land commissioners in improvements for Barnstable harbor, as authorized by chapter three hundred and forty-two of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Improvements for Barnstable harbor.

To be expended under the direction of the secretary of the state board of agriculture in disseminating information relative to the packing, grading and sale of apples, as au-

Disseminating information relative to packing, grading, etc., of apples.

thorized by chapter two hundred and sixty-one of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Clerical assistance for the register of probate for Franklin county.

For additional clerical assistance for the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Franklin, as authorized by chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding one hundred and sixteen dollars.

Removing or replacing boilers in the bath house at Revere beach reservation.

To be expended under the direction of the metropolitan park commission for removing or replacing boilers in the bath house at Revere beach reservation, as authorized by chapter three hundred and fifteen of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 28, 1915.*

[1890, 121; 1896, 325.]

*Chap.370* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LOWELL TO INCUR ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Lowell may borrow money for high school purposes.

SECTION 1. The city of Lowell, for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise acquiring land and of constructing a high school building or buildings thereon, and equipping the same, may incur indebtedness outside the statutory limit of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, to be denominated on the face thereof, City of Lowell School Loan, Act of 1915. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the mayor, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years after its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The city may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper; but they shall not be sold for less than par value.

SECTION 2. The city, at the time of authorizing the said loan, shall provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act; and when such provision has been made the amount required therefor shall, without further vote, annually be assessed by the assessors of the city, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the said debt is extinguished.

Payment of  
loan.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

[1915, 282, Spec.]

AN ACT TO REVIVE THE CHARTER OF THE FRAMINGHAM CONTRACTING COMPANY AND TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF SAID CORPORATION.

*Chap. 371*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The corporation heretofore known as the Framingham Contracting Company, and having its place of business in Framingham, is hereby revived and continued, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities which pertained to it prior to the passage of chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Charter of  
Framingham  
Contracting  
Company  
revived.

SECTION 2. All acts done by the said company which would have been legal and valid if said chapter two hundred and eighty-two had not been passed are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Acts confirmed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

[1915, 300, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Chap. 372*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen is hereby repealed.

1915, 300 (S),  
repealed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap.373* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF CHICOPEE TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENLARGING ITS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Chicopee may borrow money to enlarge its high school buildings.

SECTION 1. The city of Chicopee, for the purpose of constructing an addition to its high school buildings and equipping the same, may incur indebtedness outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor to be denominated on the face thereof, Chicopee High School Loan, Act of 1915. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the city, countersigned by the auditor and approved by the mayor, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding four and one half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within twenty years after its date. The amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. The city may sell said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value.

Payment of loan.

SECTION 2. The city, at the time of authorizing the said loan, shall provide for the payment thereof in such annual payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act; and when such provision has been made, the amount required therefor shall, without further vote, annually be assessed by the assessors of the city, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed, until the said debt is extinguished.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap.374* AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE BANK COMMISSIONER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriations, department of the bank commissioner.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth

from the ordinary revenue, for the department of the bank commissioner, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to wit:—

For the salary of the commissioner, the sum of five thousand dollars. Commissioner, salary.

For the salary of the deputy, the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars. Deputy.

For the salaries of examiners, clerks, experts and other assistants, a sum not exceeding sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. Examiners, etc.

For printing, stationery, office supplies, travelling and other expenses, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars. Printing, stationery, etc.

For printing and binding the annual reports, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars. Printing and binding annual reports.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CAPE COD WATER COMPANY. *Chap. 375*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Charles N. Taylor, William H. Burgess, Reginald L. Robbins, Howard W. Lang and Charles L. Walker, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Cape Cod Water Company for the purpose of supplying water for use within the towns of Chatham, Harwich and Dennis for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes. Said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and shall be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force applicable to water companies. Cape Cod Water Company, incorporated.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may take or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, the waters of such ground water source within the limits of said towns of Chatham, Harwich and Dennis, as may be approved by the state department of health, and may obtain the water by means of driven, bored, artesian or other wells on any land within said limits, and may also take or acquire, subject to the approval of said state department of health, by purchase or otherwise all lands, rights of way and easements necessary for holding and preserving such water and the purity thereof and for conveying the water to any part of said towns. Said corporation may erect on the land so taken or acquired such dams, buildings, reservoirs and other structures or May purchase certain waters, etc.

May purchase  
certain waters,  
etc.

equipment as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of complete and effective water works and may do all other acts reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes for which the company is incorporated. It may make excavations, procure and operate machinery, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works under or over any land, water courses, canals, dams, railroads, railways and public or other ways and along any highway or other way in said towns, in such manner as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing, laying, maintaining and repairing such aqueducts, conduits, pipes and other works, and for all other purposes of this act, said corporation may dig up, raise and embank any such lands, highways or other ways in such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public travel, subject to the approval of the selectmen of the respective towns as to highways or other ways within their control. Said corporation shall not enter upon, construct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission.

Description of  
lands, etc. taken  
to be recorded.

SECTION 3. Said company shall, within sixty days after voting to take any lands, rights of way, water rights, water sources or easements as aforesaid, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Barnstable a description thereof sufficiently accurate for identification, with a statement of the purpose for which the same were taken, signed by the president of the corporation. The recording shall operate as a taking of the real estate and rights and easements therein described.

Payment of  
damages, etc.

SECTION 4. Said company shall pay all damages to property sustained by any person, firm or corporation by the taking of any land, right of way, water, water source, water rights, or easements, or by any other thing done by said corporation under the authority of this act. Any person, firm or corporation sustaining damages as aforesaid, and failing to agree with said corporation as to the amount thereof, may have the same assessed and determined in the manner provided by law in the case of land taken for the laying out of highways, on application at any time within, but not after, two years from the taking of such

land or other property, or the doing of any other injury under authority of this act. Said company may by vote, from time to time, determine what amount or quantity of water it proposes to take under this act; and in such case damages caused by the taking shall be based upon the said amount or quantity until the same shall be increased by vote or otherwise, and in that event the company shall be liable further only for the additional damages caused by such additional taking.

SECTION 5. Said company may distribute water through said towns of Chatham, Harwich and Dennis, or any part thereof, and may regulate the use of said water and may fix the rates to be paid for the use of the same, subject, however, to the power now vested in the board of gas and electric light commissioners to regulate said rates; and may collect such rates, and may make contracts with any of said towns, acting by their respective selectmen, and with any fire or water district now or hereafter established therein, and with any individual, corporation, departments of the commonwealth and of the United States therein, to supply water for the extinguishment of fires, and for domestic, manufacturing or other purposes. But the selectmen of any of said towns shall not have authority to make contracts for hydrant service until authorized by a majority vote of the voters of the town present and voting upon the question: — “Shall the selectmen of the town of \_\_\_\_\_ have authority to make a contract with the Cape Cod Water Company for hydrant service?” And this vote shall be taken at the same special town meeting which votes upon the acceptance of this act.

May distribute water through certain towns.

Question of making certain contracts to be submitted to voters.

SECTION 6. The amount of capital stock of the company shall be fixed at the first meeting of the stockholders: *provided, however*, that it shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and a certificate thereof shall be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth within thirty days after the amount of the capital stock has been fixed. The capital stock may be increased or diminished thereafter as provided in section thirty-five of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. Shares shall be of the par value of one hundred dollars each. Said company may, for the purposes of this act, issue stocks and bonds only in accordance with the powers, limitations and restrictions contained in chapter

Capital stock.

Proviso.

Par value of shares.

seven hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Certain towns  
may purchase  
franchise, etc.

SECTION 7. The towns of Chatham, Harwich and Dennis, or any one or two of said towns, upon obtaining appropriate legislation to enable them to act as a water district or otherwise, may purchase the franchise and all the rights, privileges and property of said water company owned by it and used in supplying water, upon payment of the fair market value thereof. Such value shall be estimated without enhancement on account of future earning capacity or good will of said company, or on account of the exclusive privileges derived from rights in the public streets, or on account of any contracts which may then exist between the water company and said towns or any of them. The water district or any one or more of said towns, as the case may be, purchasing said water system may require that said franchise, rights, privileges and property purchased, shall be assigned, transferred and conveyed by the water company free and clear of any mortgage or lien to which such water system or any part thereof may be subject at the time of such purchase, unless the board of gas and electric light commissioners shall determine otherwise. If the water district or any one or more of said towns, as the case may be, and the water company shall be unable to agree upon the value of said franchise rights, privileges and property, either party, with notice to the other, may apply to the supreme judicial court for the county of Barnstable for the determination of said value. Said court shall refer the application to the board of gas and electric light commissioners, who shall hear the parties and determine the value of said franchise, rights, privileges and property in accordance with the provisions herein prescribed, and the award of said board when accepted by the court shall be final. The award shall not be set aside or recommitted for error in law, unless the court is satisfied that such error has substantially affected the interests of the party complaining thereof, and in that event the court may recommit the award to the board with such directions as justice may require.

Supreme  
judicial court  
to determine  
values in  
certain cases.

Award.

Penalty.

SECTION 8. Whoever wilfully or wantonly corrupts, pollutes or diverts any water taken or held under authority of this act, or injures any structure, work or other property owned, held or used by said company under authority of this



act, shall forfeit and pay to said company three times the amount of damages assessed therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort; and upon conviction of any of the above wilful or wanton acts shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

SECTION 9. This act, except as is provided in section ten, shall take effect as to any of said towns of Chatham, Harwich and Dennis upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of any such town present and voting thereon at a special town meeting, to be called for the purpose within sixty days after the passage of this act.

Act to be submitted to voters of several towns.

SECTION 10. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of the said towns shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect until accepted as hereinbefore provided by the legal voters of said towns, and shall become void unless work under this act is begun within one year from the acceptance thereof by said towns.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

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[1915, 297, Spec.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TUNNELS OR SUBWAYS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON. *Chap. 376*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter seven hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — The commission may, in connection with any stations or terminals, provide means for a convenient interchange of passengers between the tunnels and subways and street railway lines, and for that purpose shall have all the powers conferred by this act, including the right to use public lands and highways, to take private property in the manner specified in this act and to widen highways where such widening is deemed necessary; and the commission may construct subways, inclines, approaches, and other structures for the use of surface street railway cars and may grant locations for street railway lines, either upon the surface of land acquired for that purpose or in or upon any such subways, inclines, approaches or other structures so constructed, and may also grant such other locations upon the public highways as may be necessary to make connections

1911, 741, § 16, amended.

Construction  
of additional  
tunnels or  
subways in  
Boston.

with existing surface lines, — so as to read as follows: —  
*Section 16.* In connection with the construction of any tunnel or subway authorized by this act the commission may, for the purpose of avoiding objectionable curves or any practical or legal obstacles, vary or alter the routes herein respectively prescribed for the tunnels and subways, and for the said purposes may locate the tunnels, subways and stations or any of them, in whole or in part, on private or public lands. The commission may also, in connection with any tunnel or subway, construct such approaches, sidings, spur tracks, loops, entrances, inclines, elevators, connections and other structures as it may deem necessary. The commission may, with the consent of the company, make such alterations in the existing tunnels and subways, including stations and exits and entrances thereof, as it may deem necessary or advisable. The commission may, in connection with any stations or terminals, provide means for a convenient interchange of passengers between the tunnels and subways and street railway lines, and for that purpose shall have all the powers conferred by this act, including the right to use public lands and highways, to take private property in the manner specified in this act and to widen highways where such widening is deemed necessary; and the commission may construct subways, inclines, approaches, and other structures for the use of surface street railway cars and may grant locations for street railway lines, either upon the surface of land acquired for that purpose or in or upon any such subways, inclines, approaches or other structures so constructed, and may also grant such other locations upon the public highways as may be necessary to make connections with existing surface lines.

Acceptance of  
act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of the mayor, and by the Boston Elevated Railway Company by vote of its directors, and upon the filing of certificates of such acceptances with the secretary of the commonwealth within sixty days after the approval of this act by the governor.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

[Boston Elevated Railway Company, accepted June 14, 1915; City of Boston, accepted June 16, 1915.]

[1909, 251; 1914, 82.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRATUITY FUND OF THE BOSTON *Chap. 377*  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The powers of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, a corporation organized under chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, to maintain a Gratuity Fund, as set forth in said act, and to levy assessments therefor, excepting however the right to levy assessments and make payments on account of deaths occurring prior to the passage of this act, are hereby revoked.

Certain powers  
of Boston  
Chamber of  
Commerce,  
revoked.

SECTION 2. The said Boston Chamber of Commerce by its Gratuity Fund managers is hereby authorized and empowered to convert into cash, and, after the payment of all expenses, to distribute the balance of the proceeds of the assets now constituting its Gratuity Fund among the holders of participating certificates in the Gratuity Fund. A meeting for the consideration and adoption of a plan for distribution shall be called by order of the managers of the Gratuity Fund within two weeks after the passage of this act. Notice of this meeting shall be mailed to the holders of participating certificates at least ten days prior to the meeting. Adjournment may be taken in the usual course and further meetings for the same purpose may be called. Any such meeting may, by majority vote of the participating certificate holders represented in person or by proxy, adopt a plan for such distribution, which plan shall thereupon be submitted for approval to a justice of the superior court for the county of Suffolk, and, after such notice to the parties interested as the court may order, a hearing shall be had thereon. The court shall have power in the proceedings now pending or upon the independent application of any party interested to approve the plan as presented, or to modify the same as the court shall think proper, and the plan as approved by the court shall thereupon become effective. Any party interested may appeal from the decree approving such plan to the supreme judicial court, as in cases in equity. Unless some plan is approved as above provided and presented to said court on or before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifteen, the superior court for the county of Suffolk shall have jurisdiction, either in the proceedings

Gratuity Fund  
to be converted  
into cash, etc.

Court may  
order hearing,  
modify plan,  
etc.

Appeal.

relating to said Gratuity Fund now pending in said court, or, upon the independent application of any party interested, to formulate a plan for such distribution of the Gratuity Fund, in which proceeding the foregoing provisions for notice to the parties interested and for appeal shall be applicable.

Certain participating certificates not to share in distribution.

SECTION 3. The participating certificates owned by the Boston Chamber of Commerce shall not be entitled to share in such distribution. The court shall have jurisdiction to determine the liability of the chamber and of parties who hold more than one participating certificate, for payment of assessments upon such certificates.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

**Chap.378** AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Appropriation, Norfolk state hospital.

SECTION 1. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for maintenance expenses of the Norfolk state hospital, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen; the same to be in addition to any amounts heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 31, 1915.*

**Chap.379** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF DANIEL P. FLYNN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Pittsfield may pay a sum of money to Mary M. Flynn.

SECTION 1. The city of Pittsfield is hereby authorized to pay out of its treasury the sum of nine hundred and seventy-five dollars to Mary M. Flynn, widow of Daniel P. Flynn. The said Daniel P. Flynn died while in the service of the city as the chief of its police department. The said sum shall be paid as follows:— Five hundred dollars to said widow on the passage of this act and the remainder in equal monthly instalments on the fifteenth day of each month.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 31, 1915.*

[Boston and Maine R.R., 1833, 109; 1834, 175; 1837, 113, 188; 1839, 82; 1841, 56; 1843, 90; 1844, 83, 116, 172; 1845, 159; 1846, 75, 79, 157, 212; 1847, 70, 238; 1848, 204, 207, 223, 231, 263, 264, 292, 322; 1849, 7, 226, 230; 1850, 113, 240; 1851, 139, 196, 236, 244; 1852, 32, 118, 167, 305, 306; 1853, 61, 121, 276, 415; 1854, 336, 353; 1855, 42, 141, 371, 386; 1857, 124, 263; 1859, 115; 1860, 63; 1861, 15, 176; 1864, 54; 1866, 102, 127, 265, 278; 1868, 17, 118, 178, 188; 1869, 313, 378, 398; 1870, 9, 301, 400, 401; 1872, 356; 1873, 79, 357; 1876, 7, 124, 126; 1878, 245; 1880, 205; 1881, 265; 1883, 259; 1886, 96, 292; 1887, 302, 410; 1888, 250; 1889, 25; 1890, 23, 185, 407; 1891, 222, 240, 308; 1892, 374, 392; 1893, 244, 268; 1895, 22, 145; 1897, 238; 1898, 194; 1899, 390; 1900, 410, 424, 426, 462; 1901, 223, 253, 390, 466; 1902, 168, 212, 508; 1903, 115, 141, 465; 1905, 385, 422; 1906, 520, §§ 21, 22; 1907, 233, 263, 391, 486, 551; 1909, 307, 327, 435, 447, 519; 1910, 254, 448, § 9, 639, 648; 1912, 492, 529, 698; 1913, 378, 734; 1914, 766; Fitchburg R.R. Co. 1842, 84; 1844, 134, 176; 1845, 102, 181, 218, 251; 1846, 21, 138, 239, 247, 261, 269; 1847, 200, 223, 260; 1848, 107, 160, 264, 296; 1849, 18, 223; 1850, 122, 146; 1851, 34, 72, 241, 329; 1852, 147, 162; 1853, 189, 270, 367; 1854, 353; 1855, 94, 230, 240, 259, 266, 419; 1856, 133, 296; 1857, 124, 128; 1860, 4; 1862, 69, 155, 156; 1863, 214; 1865, 222; 1866, 244, 278; 1867, 31, 170, 235, 335, 342; 1868, 26, 96, 237; 1869, 127, 241, 260, 352; 1870, 246, 252, 344; 1872, 83, 105; 1873, 357; 1874, 401; 1876, 128; 1878, 210, 277, 278; 1879, 175, 189, 277; 1880, 57, 100; 1881, 145, 168; 1885, 36, 188, 253, 297; 1886, 172, 306; 1887, 52, 389, 410, 425; 1890, 101; 1891, 48; 1893, 408; 1894, 53; 1897, 278; 1900, 387, 426; 1901, 223; 1902, 508; 1903, 115; 1907, 419; Suncook Valley R.R., 1869, 459; 1883, 67; Concord R.R. Corp'n., 1869, 459; 1883, 67; Manchester and Lawrence R.R., 1848, 322; 1869, 459; 1883, 67.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE RAILROAD COMPANIES CONSTITUTING THE BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD SYSTEM. Chap. 380

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The Boston and Maine Railroad is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, to buy the property and franchises or the whole or any part of the capital stock of or to consolidate with any or all of the railroad corporations, hereinafter referred to as subsidiary companies, whose roads, whether in or outside of the commonwealth, are now leased to or operated by it or by some subsidiary as a part of its system of railroads or a majority of the capital stock of which is owned by said railroad or by some subsidiary company, and such subsidiary companies are hereby authorized to sell their properties and franchises, subject to existing debts and obligations, to or to consolidate with the Boston and Maine Railroad and to receive payment therefor in money or in stock or bonds, or in both stock and bonds, of said railroad and to distribute the same or any part thereof among their stockholders in exchange for their present holdings of stock in the manner provided in the agreement of purchase or consolidation; but no such purchase and sale of the property and franchises of or consolidation with any subsidiary company shall be valid or binding until its terms have been agreed to by a majority of the directors of each of the two corporations, and have been approved at meetings properly notified and called for the purpose by a vote of two thirds in interest of the stockholders of the subsidiary company present and voting, but in no case by a vote of less than

Boston and  
Maine Railroad  
may buy prop-  
erty, etc., of  
subsidiary  
companies.

Rights or  
claims shall be  
deemed to be  
satisfied by  
purchase or  
consolidation.

Provisos.

a majority in interest of all the stockholders of such company, excluding, in the case of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, its common stock from such computation and from such voting, and by a vote of two thirds in interest of the stockholders of the Boston and Maine Railroad. In case the Boston and Maine Railroad shall, under authority of this act, purchase the property and franchises of, or consolidate with, any subsidiary company, all rights or claims of either the Boston and Maine Railroad or of the subsidiary company against the other arising out of any existing lease or operating contract shall be deemed to be satisfied and extinguished by the said purchase and sale or by the said consolidation, and the Boston and Maine Railroad shall have the powers and privileges and shall become subject to and be held to pay all of the debts and to perform all of the duties and obligations of the said subsidiary company: *provided, however*, that the Boston and Maine Railroad may, subject to the provisions of the general law, and with the approval of the public service commission, but not otherwise, issue additional stock or bonds or both stock and bonds, to provide means for paying for permanent additions to or improvements of the property of such subsidiary company made prior to the said purchase and sale or consolidation and for which said Boston and Maine Railroad shall not have issued stock or bonds and shall not have been reimbursed by said company; and *provided, further*, that this act shall not be construed as authorizing the Boston and Maine Railroad to exercise in this commonwealth any powers or privileges not specifically granted herein or by the laws of Massachusetts. Any debts or other obligations of other corporations assumed by the Boston and Maine Railroad under authority of this act shall constitute a direct liability of said railroad to the holders of such debts and obligations, which may be enforced by direct action by such holders against said railroad. No stocks purchased under authority of this act shall thereafter be sold, transferred or pledged. Every certificate so held shall be stamped by or under the direction of the treasurer of the Boston and Maine Railroad "non-transferable."

May issue new  
preferred stock.

SECTION 2. The Boston and Maine Railroad may, by a vote of two thirds in interest of its stockholders and for the purposes of such purchase, exchange or consolidation, issue new preferred stock which may have priority over its present preferred stock or common stock, and may increase the issue of its present preferred stock, and may deliver stock so

issued in payment for properties and franchises purchased, or may sell the same, applying the proceeds to such purchase, without offering the same to its stockholders for subscription. Such new preferred stock may be cumulative or non-cumulative, may be distributed in different classes bearing different rates of dividend and having different orders of preferences and voting powers, and may be preferred both as to dividends and in liquidation. All stock so issued under the authority of this act shall be deemed fully paid for all purposes under the general railroad law, including the statutory limitations as to the amount of issuable bonds and debts. Said railroad may also, for such purchases, exchanges or consolidations, issue bonds subject to the limitations of section fifteen of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and of any acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof. No stock or bonds shall be issued under the authority herein granted until said railroad has first obtained from the public service commission, after notice and a public hearing, a certificate that the proposed issues may lawfully be made under the provisions of this act; but no approval of the public service commission shall be required of the separate contracts, or the terms thereof, made with any subsidiary companies for the purchase and sale of properties and franchises or for consolidation, or with individual stockholders for the purchase of their securities; but no such contract shall be valid or binding and no payment or obligation shall be made or incurred thereunder until said railroad shall have secured from the public service commission a certificate that the obligations of such contract are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

May issue bonds with approval of public service commission.

Said railroad may also, by a vote of two thirds in interest of its common stockholders, at a meeting duly called for the purpose and with the approval of the public service commission, issue and, from time to time, increase preferred stock of one or more classes for any lawful purpose for which railroad corporations are now or may hereafter be authorized to issue or increase their capital stock. Each class of such preferred stock shall be entitled to the preferences and rights, and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations fixed by such vote and approved by said commission. The issue of such stock by the said railroad shall be subject to all of the provisions of the general laws governing the issue of capital stock by railroad corporations, except that said railroad is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the public

May increase preferred stock.

service commission, to sell such stock for cash, at a price not less than par, without offering the same to its stockholders for subscription.

Aggregate par  
value of stocks  
and bonds  
limited.

SECTION 3. The aggregate par value of stocks and bonds of the Boston and Maine Railroad which may be issued for the purpose of making the purchases, exchanges or consolidations authorized by section one shall not exceed the aggregate par value of any stocks of subsidiary companies directly purchased, plus the aggregate par value of the stocks, other than those directly purchased, of any subsidiary companies whose franchises and property are purchased by or which are consolidated with said railroad, but excluding any stocks which are owned or held by any of such purchased or consolidated subsidiary companies or by said railroad for which stocks or bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of such owner or holder are now outstanding; nor shall the stocks and bonds of the Boston and Maine Railroad issued for the purpose of making such purchases, exchanges or consolidations provide for interest and dividends, reckoning dividends upon any common stock issued for such purpose at the rate of four per cent per annum, aggregating a larger annual payment than the aggregate amount now paid under existing leases, operating contracts and other operating arrangements by the Boston and Maine Railroad or by any subsidiary company and paid as, or applicable to, dividends to or for the benefit of the holders of any stocks of such subsidiary companies which are directly purchased, or, if the properties and franchises of any such companies are purchased by, or if they are consolidated with, the Boston and Maine Railroad, to or for the benefit of the holders of such stocks of such companies as are not excluded, under the above provision of this section, in determining the aggregate par value of the stock and bonds which said railroad may use in making such purchases, exchanges or consolidations. The foregoing limitations shall not apply to stock or bonds issued to fund or otherwise to provide for debts of subsidiary companies which may lawfully be assumed by said railroad in connection with any such purchases, exchanges or consolidations, and nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any such increase in the aforesaid aggregate annual payment for interest and dividends as may result from the provisions hereinafter contained as to dissenting stockholders. In the case of the Suncook Valley Railroad, however, the lease to the Concord Railroad Corporation and to the Manchester and Lawrence Railroad exe-

Dividends.

Limitations  
not to apply  
to certain  
stock or bonds.



cuted March eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy, shall, for the purpose of limiting said aggregate annual payment, be considered as if still unexpired.

SECTION 4. The Boston and Maine Railroad may, at any time prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, reduce its capital stock or its common stock only, to such amount as shall be determined by a vote of its stockholders at a meeting duly called for the purpose. Such reduction of the common stock shall require a vote of two thirds in interest of the common stock then issued and outstanding, and if the preferred stock is to be reduced shall also require a vote of two thirds in interest of the preferred stock then issued and outstanding. Such reduction shall take effect on the filing of duly certified copies of such votes authorizing such reduction with the secretary of the commonwealth and with the public service commission. The directors shall have authority to prescribe the manner in which outstanding certificates shall be cancelled or reduced and new certificates representing such reduced amounts substituted. On such reduction said railroad may, at a meeting duly called for the purpose and by a vote of two thirds in interest of its stock then issued and outstanding, provide for the issue of new preferred stock to an amount not exceeding such reduction, and having such preferences, rights, privileges and voting powers as may be provided in such vote, except that the annual dividends payable upon the whole of such new preferred stock shall not exceed an average rate of six per cent, but this shall not be construed to prevent such dividends from being made cumulative. Said railroad may also by like vote authorize the issue of new stock of each class so reduced to an amount not exceeding the reduction in such class. Such total increase of stock shall take effect upon the filing with the secretary of the commonwealth and with the public service commission of certified copies of the votes authorizing such increase. Such new preferred stock shall be offered for subscription in cash at par to its stockholders whose stock has been reduced, pro rata, and each subscribing stockholder shall also be entitled to receive, without further payment, a proportionate part of such new stock of the class corresponding to his stock which was reduced and equal to the amount of such reduction. All rights of stockholders to subscribe as aforesaid shall be assignable. Any such preferred and common stocks not so taken by the stockholders within such reasonable time as may be limited in such vote may be disposed of on the same

May reduce  
capital stock.

May issue new  
stock, etc.

Proceeds, how  
to be applied.

Statement to  
be filed with  
public service  
commission.

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Contracts.

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terms to persons or corporations who may have agreed to underwrite the subscription, or may be sold on the same terms at such time and in such manner as the directors may determine. All stocks so issued and disposed of shall be deemed to be fully paid for all purposes under the general railroad law. The proceeds of such stock so issued may be applied to the payment of the unfunded debt of the corporation outstanding on the thirty-first day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, including any indebtedness of any subsidiary company outstanding on said date which said corporation may lawfully assume under the provisions of this act, which debts for the purpose of such payment shall be deemed to be debts properly incurred for lawful purposes under the statutes of this commonwealth; to the necessary expenses incidental to the purchases, exchanges or consolidations authorized by section one or to underwriting such subscription; said proceeds may also be applied to such other lawful corporate purposes as the directors may determine and the public service commission shall approve in accordance with the general law. The directors shall forthwith cause to be filed with the public service commission a statement of the purposes to which the proceeds of such stock have been applied, including the amount applied to each of such purposes. If the commission shall find that any portion of said proceeds has been applied to purposes not properly capitalizable under the general law, such portion shall be charged and set off against the premiums realized on the common stock of said railroad in the same manner and with the same effect as is provided for in the case of the deficit mentioned in section seven: *provided, however*, that if the deficit mentioned in section seven shall be set off against such premiums, then only the amount of such non-capitalizable expenditure in excess of such deficit shall be charged and set off as against the balance of such premium account; and *provided, further*, that the total amount so charged and set off under this section and under section seven shall not exceed the total amount of such premium account as set forth in said section seven.

SECTION 5. The Boston and Maine Railroad and any subsidiary company may modify or renew any existing contract for the lease or operation of the road of such subsidiary company by said railroad or make a new contract by which said railroad shall perform all the transportation upon and over such road: *provided, however*, that no such new contract

or modification or renewal of an existing contract shall be valid or binding until the terms thereof shall have been agreed to by a majority of the directors and have been approved, at meetings called for the purpose, by a vote of two thirds in interest of the stockholders of each of the contracting corporations; and *provided, also*, that no such contract, lease or modification shall be valid if the same shall call for a larger rental or for a term expiring later than the term provided for by the existing lease or contract for which the same shall be in substitution, unless the public service commission, after notice and a public hearing, shall find the same to be consistent with the public interest.

SECTION 6. If the subsidiary company is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, or New York, or of the Dominion of Canada, the Boston and Maine Railroad is also hereby authorized to purchase the property and franchises of, or to consolidate with, such corporation and to make contracts in regard to the property of the same in such manner in each case as the laws of the state or country of such corporation may authorize or prescribe, and in reference to such transactions said railroad shall have all the powers and privileges conferred upon it by the laws of the state or country of such other corporation: *provided, however*, that no such contract shall be valid until, after notice and a public hearing, the same shall have been approved, as consistent with the public interest and substantially in accordance with the general purposes and limitations of this act, by the public service commission.

May purchase property, etc., or consolidate with certain foreign corporations, etc.

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SECTION 7. The Boston and Maine Railroad may issue stocks, common or preferred, or bonds, or both stock and bonds, subject to the provisions of section fifteen of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and of any acts in addition thereto or in amendment thereof, for the purpose of paying or funding its unfunded debt outstanding on the thirty-first day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, and any debt of any of its subsidiary companies outstanding on such date which it may lawfully assume under the provisions of this act in connection with the purchase of the properties and franchises of or consolidation with such subsidiary companies, which debts, for the purpose of such funding, shall be deemed to be debts properly incurred for lawful purposes under the statutes of this commonwealth. Any preferred stocks issued for said purpose may be of any of the classes

Paying or funding unfunded debt.

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and may have any of the preferences and rights permitted for similar stocks under the provisions of section two and may be exchanged for any such indebtedness par for par, or may be sold for cash at a price not less than par without first being offered to its stockholders for subscription: *provided*, that the average rate of dividend of any preferred stock so issued shall not exceed six per cent per annum, that the same may be made cumulative, that the rate of interest on any bonds issued for such purposes shall not exceed five per cent per annum, and that the aggregate of such stock or bonds, or both, at par shall not exceed the amount of such debt so paid or funded; and *provided, further*, that no such stocks or bonds shall be issued until the public service commission shall have certified that the proposed issue is in conformity with the authority conferred by this act, and *provided, further*, that any such certificate of conformity shall contain a provision that the deficit of the Boston and Maine Railroad as the same shall be as of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, shall as of that date be charged and set off as against the premiums realized on common stock of said railroad sold since July ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, amounting as of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to the sum of six million, five hundred one thousand, six hundred twenty dollars and fourteen cents; and that said premium account shall, for the purpose of determining reasonable rates and fares which said railroad may thereafter charge, and for the purpose of determining the amount of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness which such railroad may lawfully issue, and for all other purposes to the amount of such deficit, be deemed to be cancelled and absorbed by such deficit. Any such certificate of the public service commission shall operate as a cancellation and rescission of the order of the board of railroad commissioners dated February seventh, nineteen hundred and thirteen, approving an issue of stock for the purpose of funding certain debts then outstanding of said railroad and for any other purposes set forth in such order.

In determining amount of tax, certain deductions allowed.

SECTION 8. In determining the amount of tax to be paid by the Boston and Maine Railroad, or by the new corporation hereinafter provided for, upon the corporate franchise, there shall be deducted from the fair cash value of all its shares, in addition to other deductions provided for by statute, the fair cash value, as determined by the tax commissioner, of the shares of any other railroad corporation organized under the

laws of the commonwealth which may be owned by the Boston and Maine Railroad.

SECTION 9. Except as is otherwise specifically provided herein, said Boston and Maine Railroad shall be and remain subject to all provisions of the general railroad law. The special powers granted to said railroad by the first seven sections shall end on July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *provided, however*, that the public service commission, on application of said railroad, may extend the operation of said sections for a further period, not exceeding one year, if such commission finds it probable that within such extended time a reorganization of the Boston and Maine Railroad system consistent with the public interest may be effected. If and when a new corporation organized in accordance with the subsequent provisions of this act shall acquire the property and franchises of said railroad, said first seven sections shall not thereafter authorize any further action thereunder by the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Certain provisions of law to apply.

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SECTION 10. If the directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad shall hereafter deem it impracticable to reorganize the Boston and Maine Railroad system under the foregoing provisions of this act, they may, by vote, declare that a new corporation is necessary in the public interest to purchase or take over the property and franchises of the Boston and Maine Railroad, either before or after a sale or other disposition of it under order of any court, and to obtain for reorganization or consolidation with said property and franchises the properties and franchises of some or all of the subsidiary companies, and may designate certain named persons, not less than fifteen in number, at least one of whom shall be a citizen of New Hampshire, one of Maine and one of Massachusetts, including, if thought desirable, any of said directors, to be the organizers of such new corporation.

May form new corporation.

SECTION 11. Such designated organizers shall thereupon file in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth a written agreement of association, which shall set forth: —

Facts to be set forth in agreement of association.

(a) That the subscribers associate themselves with the intention of forming a railroad corporation to be named the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, hereinafter referred to as the new corporation.

(b) A brief description of the property of the Boston and Maine Railroad, hereinafter referred to as the old corporation, and of its subsidiary companies proposed to be acquired.

Facts to be  
set forth in  
agreement of  
association.

(c) If a sale of the property and franchises of the Boston and Maine Railroad has been or is expected to be made under order of a court, the name of the court and, so far as is practicable, the terms of such sale.

(d) The amount of the original capital stock of the new corporation, which, except as is otherwise provided herein, may equal but shall not exceed the amount of the outstanding capital stock of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

(e) The par value of the shares, which shall be one hundred dollars.

(f) The names and residences of at least five subscribers who shall act as directors until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. At all times there shall be at least one director who shall be a citizen of Maine, one who shall be a citizen of New Hampshire, and one who shall be a citizen of Massachusetts.

Public service  
commission to  
issue certificate  
of compliance.

The directors shall appoint a clerk and treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices until a clerk and treasurer of the new corporation are chosen and qualified in their stead, and said directors may fill any vacancy in their board or in the office of clerk or treasurer before the election of officers pursuant to the provisions of the by-laws.

Certificate of  
incorporation.

SECTION 12. When it is shown to the satisfaction of the public service commission that the requirements of this act preliminary to the incorporation of such new railroad corporation have been complied with, and that the subscribers intend in good faith to obtain for such new corporation the railroad properties described in the said agreement of association, they shall make a certificate to that effect, which certificate shall thereupon duly be filed by the directors in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, who shall receive and preserve the same in form convenient for reference and open to public inspection and shall thereupon issue a certificate of incorporation substantially in the form prescribed by section twenty-four of Part II of chapter four hundred and sixty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, except that in stating the purposes of the corporation the word "purchasing" shall be inserted before the word "locating." Such certificate, duly signed and sealed, shall have the force and effect of a special charter, as provided in said section twenty-four. Further proceedings for the organization of said corporation shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections twenty-nine and thirty of the said chapter, and said corporation shall have all the powers

and privileges and be subject to all the restrictions and limitations of the general law, except as is otherwise expressly provided herein.

If a statute like this act in its essential features, authorizing the organization of a corporation of the same name and for the same purpose and with the same general powers is enacted in the states of Maine and New Hampshire, or in either of them, and if an agreement of association of the same purport as that entered into under this act is signed and filed by the same persons, and if similar or analogous proceedings are had thereon in one or both of said states, under requirements similar or analogous to the foregoing provisions of the general law of Massachusetts, then said corporation may be organized at a meeting held in either of the states where the certificate of incorporation is filed.

Incorporation may be filed in certain other states.

Upon the organization of the said corporation as above provided, and the organization with it, by joint proceedings, at the same time and place, of the corporations established in like manner with the same name under a like statute of one or both of the said two states, the corporation established in this state and the other corporation or corporations shall be deemed to be one corporation for general purposes, existing in each of the states, whose business shall be conducted by one board of directors, in which each state shall be represented by the membership of at least one of its citizens, and whose corporate property in the different states shall be held for and controlled by the same stockholders. Subsequent meetings of the corporation may be held and its records may be kept in any one of the three states.

To constitute one corporation when organized as herein provided.

Until the stock in said new corporation has been issued pursuant to the provisions hereinafter contained and a meeting has been held and officers duly elected in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of said new corporation, the incorporators and directors thereof may exercise all the powers of the corporation including those usually vested in the stockholders.

May exercise certain powers.

SECTION 13. Subject to the limitations and provisions of this act and to its existing indebtedness said new corporation is hereby authorized to buy the property and franchises of the old corporation, and said old corporation is hereby authorized to sell its property and franchises to such new corporation at such price, not exceeding the debts and liabilities plus the outstanding capital stock, and upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in said agreement of purchase and

May buy property, etc., of the old corporation.

Issue of stock  
and conditions  
of exchange, etc.

sale. But no such purchase and sale shall be valid and binding until its terms have been agreed to by a majority of the directors of both corporations and have been approved at a meeting properly called for the purpose by a vote of two thirds in interest of the stockholders of the old corporation. Upon such purchase and sale of the property and franchises of the old corporation, said new corporation may issue amounts of preferred and common stock equal, respectively, to the amounts of outstanding preferred and common stock of the old corporation, or may issue an amount of common stock equal to the aggregate amount of such outstanding preferred and common stock. Any preferred stock issued in lieu of such outstanding preferred stock shall bear no higher rate of dividend and shall have no greater rights of preference than said present preferred stock. Such preferred and common stock so issued shall be deemed to be fully paid by the transfer to the new corporation of the property and franchises of the old corporation, subject to its existing debts and liabilities, and shall not thereafter be subject to any assessment by the new corporation, but such stock of the new corporation may be exchanged for stock of the old corporation upon such terms and conditions as may be provided in said agreement of purchase and sale, and all stockholders of each class, common or preferred, of the old corporation shall have the same opportunity as other stockholders of the same class to exchange their present holdings of stock for holdings of stock in the new corporation, and such rights shall be assignable. Any right of stockholders of the old corporation to exchange their stock for stock of the new corporation may be made contingent upon the payment of a cash assessment or a subscription payable in cash at par for additional stock, common or preferred, or both, which the new corporation is hereby authorized to issue to an amount not exceeding one half the outstanding capital stock of said old corporation. Said preferred stock may be of one or more classes, and may be entitled to the preferences and rights, and be subject to the restrictions and limitations fixed by the directors of said new corporation, except that the annual dividends payable upon the whole of such preferred stock shall not exceed an average of six per cent; but this shall not be construed to prevent such dividends from being made cumulative. It may also be provided that stockholders of the old corporation who do not elect to pay such cash assessment or to subscribe and pay for such additional stock shall be entitled to receive, in exchange for their holdings, such less amount of stock of the new corpora-

One or more  
classes of pre-  
ferred stock  
and rate of  
dividend.



tion as may be provided in the agreement of purchase and sale. Any of the common and preferred stock in said new corporation issued in lieu of the outstanding stock of the old corporation not taken by the stockholders of the old corporation may be disposed of at such price and in such manner as shall be determined by the directors, and any of the additional stock, common or preferred, hereinabove authorized, not taken by said stockholders may be sold for cash at a price not less than par. The proceeds from such cash assessment and from the sale of such stocks may be applied to part payment of the purchase price of the property and franchises of the old corporation; to the payment of any of the unfunded debt of the old corporation outstanding on the thirty-first day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen and any indebtedness of any subsidiary company outstanding on said date which may be lawfully assumed by said new corporation under the provisions of this act in connection with the purchase of the properties and franchises of or consolidation with such subsidiary companies, which debts, for the purpose of such payment, shall be deemed to be debts properly incurred for lawful purposes under the statutes of this commonwealth; to the payment of necessary underwriting commissions to persons, firms or corporations that may provide or guarantee the amount of cash which may be required for such reorganization or may otherwise assume risks with reference to the performance of any contracts provided for by such reorganization. Said proceeds may also be applied to such other lawful corporate purposes as the directors may determine and the public service commission shall approve in accordance with the general law. In case the new corporation shall issue securities for the purpose of paying, funding or refunding any unfunded indebtedness of the old corporation or of any subsidiary company under the authority conferred by the following section, it shall not be required to set off the deficit of the old corporation against the premium account of the old corporation, nor shall it be obliged to charge off against such premium account any expenditures which it may make from the proceeds of the above mentioned cash assessment or from the sale of the above mentioned stocks, but on the other hand, the new corporation shall not for any purpose be entitled to the benefit of the premium account of the old corporation.

Proceeds from  
sale of stocks,  
etc., how to be  
applied.

Premium  
account of old  
corporation.

SECTION 14. Upon such purchase and sale said new corporation shall also succeed to the powers and privileges of the Boston and Maine Railroad, shall become subject to and be

New corpora-  
tion to succeed  
to certain  
powers and  
privileges, etc.

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held to pay any outstanding funded or unfunded debt of said railroad, the payment of which is not provided for as a part of the agreement of purchase and sale; shall likewise become subject to all liabilities incurred by said old corporation in the transaction of its business as a common carrier; and shall be held to perform all the duties and obligations of such old corporation with respect to the properties so purchased and sold. But said new corporation shall not become subject to any obligations or liabilities of the old corporation except as expressly provided in this act, or in some contract or agreement made pursuant thereto. Said new corporation shall have the same right to issue securities for the purpose of paying, funding or refunding any unfunded indebtedness of the old corporation or of any subsidiary company whose indebtedness it may assume in accordance with the provisions of this act as is given to the old corporation under section seven of this act, subject to the same limitations, conditions and restrictions: *provided, however*, that such new corporation shall not be required to set off the deficit of the old corporation against the premium account, and that the new corporation shall not for any purpose be entitled to the benefit of the premium account of the old corporation. Said new corporation shall also have like authority to purchase the property and franchises or the whole or any part of the capital stock of, or to consolidate or make other contracts with, the subsidiary companies, and said subsidiary companies shall have like authority to sell their properties and franchises to or to consolidate or make other contracts with said new corporation as is granted to the old corporation and to the subsidiary companies respectively by the first seven sections of this act, subject to the same limitations, conditions and restrictions; *provided, however*, that no such purchase and sale or consolidation or other contract shall be valid and binding until the public service commission shall have certified that such contract is consistent with the provisions of this act.

Provisos.

Time for  
purchase by  
new corpora-  
tion limited.

SECTION 15. If the new corporation does not purchase or otherwise acquire the property and franchises of the Boston and Maine Railroad within two years after the date of its certificate of incorporation, its corporate powers and existence shall cease. And in case of such purchase or acquisition said new corporation shall have a further period of one year to purchase the properties and franchises or stock of or to consolidate with said subsidiary companies, with the conditional right to an extension of time for a further period of not

exceeding one year on proceedings similar or analogous to the proceedings provided for in section ten as to the old corporation.

SECTION 16. In case of the sale of the property and franchises of the Boston and Maine Railroad or of any subsidiary company under order of court, said new corporation is hereby authorized to purchase such property and franchises; and except as otherwise required by such order of court the foregoing provisions, limitations and restrictions as to the purchase of the property and franchises of said Boston and Maine Railroad and the reorganization of its system of railroads shall be applicable.

Authority to  
purchase under  
order of court.

SECTION 17. In case of any purchase, sale or consolidation under the provisions of this act, unless such purchase be in accordance with the provisions of some order of court, every stockholder of the selling company shall be deemed to assent to the terms of the purchase or sale or consolidation, unless at the meeting called to consider such purchase or sale or consolidation such stockholder votes against such sale or consolidation and unless within thirty days after the date of the vote for such purchase, sale or consolidation he shall file with the clerk of the board of directors of such corporation a writing declaring his vote against and dissent from such terms and stating the number of shares held by him and the number or numbers of the certificate or certificates evidencing the same: *provided, however*, that as against any stockholder who is under legal incapacity to act for himself and having no legal guardian, such original dissenting vote shall not be required, and said period of thirty days shall not begin to run until the removal of such incapacity by the appointment of a legal guardian or otherwise. Within sixty days, but not thereafter, after the filing of his dissent from the terms of such sale or consolidation, such dissenting stockholder, or at its option such purchasing or consolidating company, may file a petition with the supreme judicial court for the county of Suffolk, setting forth the material facts and asking that the value of his shares may be determined. Failure of such dissenting stockholder to file such petition within said period of sixty days shall be taken as conclusive evidence of his assent to such vote: *provided, however*, that any dissenting stockholder who, during said period of sixty days, is legally incapacitated from acting for himself and has no legal representative, may file such petition within sixty days after the removal of such incapacity by the appointment of a legal

Assent of  
stockholders.

Provisos.

Court may  
order valuation  
made of shares.

representative or otherwise. Upon the filing of such petition, and upon such notice to all parties concerned as the court may deem proper, the court shall pass an order requiring the certificate or certificates evidencing such shares, duly endorsed, to be deposited with the clerk of the court, and shall appoint a commissioner to ascertain and report the value of the shares. Report shall be made to the court as soon as is practicable, and, after due notice to the parties in interest, shall be confirmed by the court unless some error of law be made to appear upon the face of the report, in which event it shall be recommitted to the commissioner with such order as the court may make, or unless either of the parties to said proceedings shall claim a trial by jury, in which latter event the court shall order the question of the value of the shares to be tried and determined as speedily as may be in the superior court in the same manner in which other cases are tried in that court.

Liability of  
purchasing  
corporation.

The purchasing or consolidating corporation shall be liable for and shall pay all sums due and payable to all holders of shares in the proceedings aforesaid, including such interest, cost and expenses as the court may order; and shall likewise furnish such security for the said payment as the court may order. Upon payment, or tender or deposit with the clerk of the court of the value of such shares fixed as aforesaid, such shares, and the certificate or certificates thereof, shall become the property of and be delivered to the purchasing or consolidating company, whose right and title to receive the same and to hold possession thereof may be enforced by the court by any appropriate process. The said purchasing or consolidating company shall be entitled to the redelivery to it of the stock, bonds or money which would have been deliverable to such non-assenting shareholders; and such purchasing or consolidating company may sell the same for cash at such price as may be available. Any deficits arising from a difference between the proceeds of such sales and the amounts paid such dissenting stockholders under the foregoing provisions shall be debts properly capitalizable under the provisions of the general law, and in order to provide means for the payment of the same either the old or the new corporation may issue stock or bonds subject to the limitations contained in the foregoing provisions of this act.

May purchase  
property, etc.,  
of Hampden  
Railroad  
Corporation.

SECTION 18. The Boston and Maine Railroad, or the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, without prejudice to any right which it may have under existing law to lease the

property and franchises of or make an operating contract with the Hampden Railroad Corporation, may, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, purchase the property and franchises of or consolidate with said Hampden Railroad Corporation, and may issue common or preferred stock or both and bonds, for the purpose of paying therefor; said Hampden Railroad Corporation is given the same right to sell and transfer its property and franchises and to distribute such stock and bonds to its stockholders, or creditors or both, as is provided in the case of subsidiary companies by the first section of this act. No purchase of the property and franchises of or consolidation with the Hampden Railroad Corporation shall, however, be valid until the public service commission, after notice and a public hearing, shall have approved the same as consistent with the public interest and as just and equitable as between the two contracting corporations and their respective stockholders and creditors. No such purchase of the property and franchises of said Hampden Railroad Corporation shall be made unless prior to or as a part of such contract, adequate provisions shall be made for the satisfaction and extinguishment of all outstanding debts and obligations of said corporation and of all claims of said corporation against the Boston and Maine Railroad; and in no event shall the par value of the stock and bonds issued by the Boston and Maine Railroad for the purpose of purchasing the property and franchises of or consolidating with said Hampden Railroad Corporation exceed the reasonable and proper cost incurred in the construction of the Hampden railroad as determined by the public service commission in its report dated December twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, upon the petition of the Hampden Railroad Corporation for approval of an issue of bonds.

Purchase subject to approval by the public service commission.

SECTION 19. Wherever in this act application is required to be made to the public service commission for the issuing of any certificate or for the authorizing or approval of any act done or proposed to be done, it shall be understood that said public service commission shall hold such joint hearings for the taking of evidence and hearing of arguments and such conferences in regard to conclusions with the public utilities commission of Maine and the public service commission of New Hampshire or with either of said commissions as and where it may deem necessary and expedient, providing similar or analogous action is authorized by similar or analogous legislation in said states or in either of them.

Joint hearings, etc., of public service commissions to be held.

Bonds and notes to be legal investments for savings banks, etc.

Proviso.

Restrictions.

Certain provisions of laws not to apply to trustees, etc.

SECTION 20. Bonds and notes now outstanding issued or guaranteed, principal and interest, by the leased lines that are hereafter reorganized or consolidated with the Boston and Maine Railroad, or with the new corporation under this act, or bonds and notes issued in renewal or extension of the same and which are now a legal investment for Massachusetts savings banks or insurance companies, shall remain so until January first, in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, or longer if the investment is then permissible under the general laws; and all bonds and notes issued or assumed by the Boston and Maine Railroad or by the new corporation shall be a legal investment for Massachusetts savings banks and insurance companies: *provided*, that the said issuing or assuming company shall, in the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, and thereafter earn and pay dividends in cash upon its capital stocks equal in the aggregate to four per cent per annum upon an amount equal to one half the sum of its bonded debt and notes. In case the company shall fail to comply with said requirements as to dividends in any fiscal year after June thirtieth, in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, its bonds shall cease to be legal investments for savings banks until it has paid such dividends for five fiscal years in succession. But no investment shall be made in such bonds or notes unless said railroad or said new corporation appears from the returns made by it to the public service commission to have properly paid said dividends without impairment of assets or capital stock. And the public service commission shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in each year, transmit to the bank commissioner a statement as to whether or not the Boston and Maine Railroad or the new corporation appears by such returns to have complied with the foregoing provisions during the preceding year.

SECTION 21. The statutory limitations upon the right of railroad corporations owning stock of the Boston Railroad Holding Company to sell and dispose of their stock in said holding company, and the similar limitation upon the right of said holding company to sell and dispose of its stock in the Boston and Maine Railroad, shall be of no effect upon the trustees appointed by the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York to represent the interest of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in the stock of said holding company and in the stock of the Boston and Maine Railroad on October seventeenth, in

the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, but such trustees may act under this statute, and under said decree and any modifications thereof or additions thereto, as if said limitations had never existed.

SECTION 22. Any director or other officer of the Boston and Maine Railroad or of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company or of any subsidiary company who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Penalty.

SECTION 23. Chapter three hundred and eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one and chapter one hundred and ninety-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight are hereby repealed. Repeals.

SECTION 24. If there shall be a default by the Boston and Maine Railroad, or by any receiver or receivers thereof, in regard to the terms of any contract under which any other railroad incorporated in this commonwealth is now leased to or operated by said Boston and Maine Railroad, which default shall entitle the lessor railroad corporation to resume possession of its property, said lessor corporation shall have the powers and be subject to the restrictions and limitations granted to and imposed on the Boston and Maine Railroad or the Boston and Maine Railroad Company by the previous sections of this act, and in addition thereto shall have power to enter into any lease or operating contract with or to sell its property and franchises to, or to consolidate with, any other railroad corporation within or without this commonwealth; but no such lease, contract, sale or consolidation shall be valid or binding until its terms have been agreed to by a majority of the directors and have been approved, at meetings properly notified and called for the purpose, by a vote of two thirds in interest of the stockholders present and voting, but in no case by a vote of less than a majority in interest of all the stockholders of each of the contracting corporations, nor until such lease, contract, sale or consolidation and the terms thereof shall have been approved by the public service commission, after notice and a public hearing, as consistent with the public interest. In case of any such sale or consolidation the purchasing or consolidating corporation, if a Massachusetts corporation, may increase its capital stock and issue bonds, subject to the limitations of section fifteen of chapter seven hundred and Proceedings in case of default.

Increase of capital and issue of bonds by purchasing or consolidating corporation.

Increase of capital and issue of bonds by purchasing or consolidating corporation.

eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and of any acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof, to such an amount as said commission may find to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of such sale or consolidation; but in no event shall the aggregate amount of the capital stock and debt of the two contracting corporations be increased; and in determining said aggregate amount any stocks which are owned or held by either of such corporations, for which stocks, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of such owner or holder are outstanding, shall be excluded. In case of any such sale or consolidation the purchasing or consolidating corporation, whether incorporated in Massachusetts or elsewhere shall, with respect to the railroad so purchased or consolidated, have the powers and privileges and shall be subject to the duties, liabilities and restrictions of the corporation selling or consolidated; and, in case of any such lease or operating contract, the railroad in this commonwealth which is the subject of such lease or contract shall thereafter continue to be maintained, operated and capitalized under and in compliance with the laws of this commonwealth. The powers given under this section shall end on July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, except so far as acted upon prior to that date.

Time limit as to powers.

Directors of certain other corporations prohibited from serving on directorate, etc.

SECTION 25. No person being a director of any other railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this commonwealth shall at the same time serve as a director of the Boston and Maine Railroad or the Boston and Maine Railroad Company. Neither the Boston and Maine Railroad nor the Boston and Maine Railroad Company shall purchase any material or supplies from a director of said corporation nor from a director of any other railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this commonwealth, nor from any corporation in which such railroad director is a director.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 1, 1915.*

*Chap.381* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF H. JOSEPH QUINN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston may pay a sum of money to Sarah C. Quinn.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston by vote of the city council, approved by the mayor, is hereby authorized to pay to Sarah C. Quinn, widow of the late H. Joseph Quinn, an employee of the market department of the said city, a



sum of money equal to that which would have been due the said Quinn had he lived and continued in the employ of the market department for the remainder of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 3, 1915.*

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE SUBJECT OF TERMINAL FACILITIES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT. Chap.382

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the expenses of the commission to investigate the subject of terminal facilities and the improvement of facilities for transportation of freight in the metropolitan district: *provided, however*, that one half of the expenses paid from this appropriation shall be repaid by the city of Boston, and the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized and directed to assess the same upon that city, as a part of the state tax, as soon after the work of said commission has been completed as conditions will permit.

Appropriation for special commission to investigate terminal facilities in the metropolitan district.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 4, 1915.*

[1839, 101; 1841, 72; 1842, 41; 1844, 28, 34; 1845, 42, 170; 1847, 244; 1852, 87; 1859, 242; 1864, 81; 1868, 355; 1869, 69; 1872, 127, 171; 1888, 263; 1894, 226, 466; 1895, 189, 278; 1896, 257, 321, 516; 1897, 519; 1898, 399; 1899, 448; 1900, 455, 457, 458; 1901, 231, 421, 484; 1902, 508; 1903, 115, 392; 1905, 252, 422; 1906, 160, 220, 237; 1907, 233, 441, 551; 1908, 596; 1910, 352, 601, 652, 654; 1911, 524, 528, 741, § 1; 1912, 594, 676; 1913, 765; 1914, 766.]

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY AND THE FURTHER SUPERVISION OF SAID COMPANY BY THE COMMONWEALTH. Chap.383

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The capital stock of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is hereby authorized to be the aggregate amount issued under the authority of any state or states in which said company is incorporated and outstanding on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, but not including the amount owned

Amount of capital stock of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company validated.

by or held in the treasury of said company on said date. Said company is also authorized to issue shares of capital stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, subject to the provisions of all general laws relative to such issues, for the purpose of funding or refunding any or all bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness issued under the authority of any state in which said company is incorporated and which were outstanding on May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and of which said company is the maker or which it has assumed in the same manner as if such indebtedness had been properly incurred for purposes lawful under the statutes of this commonwealth. Nothing herein shall be construed as in any way estopping the commonwealth from determining whether and to what extent the capital expenditures made or obligations, direct or indirect, incurred by said company have been properly made and incurred for lawful purposes, in so far as such determination may be necessary or proper in fixing the basis for the just and reasonable rates, fares and charges of said company, or may be pertinent in any other proceeding, or as affecting the legal status of any investments by said company in the stock, shares, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of any other corporation, association or person.

Restrictions.

Premiums to be included in computing amount, etc.

SECTION 2. All premiums actually paid in cash to said company upon any of the shares authorized to be the capital stock of said company under the provisions of section one, and issued subsequent to July ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, so far as said premiums were set up as a separate liability upon its balance sheet for June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall be included in computing the amount of the capital stock of said company under the provisions of chapter six hundred and twenty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as if all of said premiums had been paid upon shares of capital stock issued under the provisions of chapter four hundred and sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Public service commission may examine all books, contracts, etc.

SECTION 3. The public service commission, either through its members or by employees duly authorized by it, may examine all books, contracts, records, documents, papers and memoranda of, and inspect the property of, any corporation organized under the laws of this commonwealth or of any other state and directly or indirectly controlled by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad

Company. Said commission may also prescribe the system upon which any corporation so controlled shall keep its books and accounts, unless a system has already been prescribed by other public authorities of the United States, of this commonwealth, or of any other state, and any corporation so controlled shall furnish any information relative to its condition, management and operation which said commission may from time to time require. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company shall cause any such corporation which it directly or indirectly controls to comply with any order or direction of said commission which may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

Commission to prescribe system of accounts, etc.

Compliance.

SECTION 4. In the event of any future issues of capital stock of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company which shall be offered to the stockholders for subscription under the provisions of section one of chapter six hundred and thirty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, as amended by chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, the company may, in like manner, offer shares in such new issues for subscription to the holders of such of its evidences of indebtedness, now outstanding, as, on their face, entitled the holders thereof to participate in the right to subscribe for such shares.

Shares of stock to be offered to certain persons.

SECTION 5. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company shall render an accounting to the public service commission of the proceeds derived from the sale of any stock, certificates of beneficial interest, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness which at any time may form a part of its corporate assets and shall not expend such proceeds except for purposes for which a railroad corporation may lawfully issue stock, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof and only to such an extent as said commission, after a public hearing, shall approve as reasonably necessary for any such purpose or purposes: *provided, however*, that said company shall not be required to apply to said commission for approval of the expenditure of any such proceeds for purposes for which a railroad corporation may, under the provisions of section sixteen of chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, issue stock or securities without the approval of said commission or

To render accounting to public service commission.

Proviso.

for the purpose of liquidating any indebtedness which said company is authorized to fund under the provisions of section one.

Liability of officers and directors to continue.

SECTION 6. This act shall not be construed to relieve any of the present or former officers or directors of the said company from any liability for any acts heretofore committed.

Directors of certain other corporations prohibited from serving on directorate.

SECTION 7. No person being a director of any other railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this commonwealth shall at the same time serve as a director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, nor shall said New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company purchase any material or supplies from any member of its board of directors or from any corporation in which a member of its board of directors is a director or trustee.

Public service commission may make investigation, etc.

SECTION 8. The public service commission is hereby authorized and instructed to make such investigation as in its judgment the public interest requires of the capital expenditures and investments of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, and its existing contingent liabilities, and the validity thereof under the laws of this commonwealth and under the laws of any other state under which said company is organized; and to report its findings, together with any recommendations as to legislation or other action by or in behalf of the commonwealth, to the general court not later than the first day of February, nineteen hundred and sixteen. The commission may hold public hearings in connection with such investigation. The commission may expend in carrying out the provisions of this section a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be assessed upon and paid by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

Cost to be assessed upon company.

Investigation and report as to certain legislation, etc.

SECTION 9. The public service commission, the attorney-general and the directors of the port of Boston, sitting jointly, shall investigate and report to the next general court not later than the first Wednesday of January next what legislation, if any, is desirable to insure that hereafter the total cost of shipments made wholly or in part over the Boston and Maine Railroad and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and over the lines now or hereafter operated by them or their successors, to and from piers in South Boston now or hereafter owned or controlled by the commonwealth, shall be as specified in the contract be-

tween the commonwealth, acting through and by the directors of the port of Boston and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the Old Colony Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, dated July first, nineteen hundred and twelve, and approved by the governor and council November sixth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and also to insure that the total charges for freight or transportation upon or for any shipment to or from any pier in South Boston passing wholly or in part over the lines now or hereafter operated by the Boston and Maine Railroad shall not exceed the corresponding rate to or from piers in Boston of the Boston and Maine Railroad or those with which it directly connects.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company by vote of its board of directors, and return thereof made to the secretary of the commonwealth within sixty days after the passage of this act.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved June 4, 1915.*

[Accepted, July 13, 1915.]

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AN ACT IN STILL FURTHER ADDITION TO THE ACTS MAKING *Chap. 384*  
 APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUNDRY MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES  
 AUTHORIZED DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND FOR CERTAIN  
 OTHER EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, unless otherwise specified, to wit:—

Appropriations.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for building a hay barn at the Templeton colony, as authorized by chapter one hundred and five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars.

Hay barn at Templeton colony.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain improvements at the Monson state hospital, as authorized by chapter one hundred and six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

Improvements at Monson state hospital.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the state infirmary for certain improvements at said institution, as authorized by chapter one hundred and seven of the

Improvements at state infirmary.

Improve-  
ments, etc., at  
Gardner state  
colony.

resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding eighty-six thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain improvements and additions to the Gardner state colony, as authorized by chapter one hundred and eight of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars.

Improvements  
at Wrentham  
state school.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain improvements at the Wrentham state school, as authorized by chapter one hundred and nine of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand one hundred dollars.

Improvements  
at Westfield  
state sana-  
torium.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the hospitals for consumptives, for certain improvements at the Westfield state sanatorium, as authorized by chapter one hundred and ten of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Summer  
pavilions at  
North Reading  
state sana-  
torium.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the hospitals for consumptives, for building summer pavilions at the North Reading state sanatorium, as authorized by chapter one hundred and eleven of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars.

Investigation  
as to conserv-  
ing and equal-  
izing flow of  
waters, etc.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners, for providing for an investigation of the matter of conserving and equalizing the flow of waters in the rivers and streams in the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirteen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Investigation  
as to preserving  
scenery along  
the Mohawk  
trail, so-called.

To be expended under the direction of the state forest commission in making an investigation relative to preserving the natural scenery along the Mohawk trail, so-called, in the counties of Franklin and Berkshire, as authorized by chapter one hundred and fourteen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Report relative  
to establish-  
ment of fish  
hatchery.

To be expended under the direction of the commissioners on fisheries and game, subject to a certain condition relative to a report by the state department of health, for the establishment of a fish hatchery especially adapted for shad, as authorized by chapter one hundred and fifteen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

School building  
at Westfield  
state sana-  
torium.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the hospitals for consumptives for the construction of a school building at the Westfield state sanatorium, as authorized

by chapter one hundred and seventeen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

To be expended under the direction of the prison commission in providing for the construction of a road at the prison camp and hospital, as authorized by chapter one hundred and eighteen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Road at prison camp and hospital.

To be expended under the direction of the board of prison commissioners for certain improvements at the state prison, as authorized by chapter one hundred and nineteen of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Improvements at state prison.

For Ella L. Pratt, forty-eight dollars and sixty cents, and for Ella C. Leman, fifty-one dollars and one cent, both as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty of the resolves of the present year, to be paid from the Unclaimed Savings Banks Deposits Fund.

Ella L. Pratt and Ella C. Leman.

For clerical assistance in the office of the clerk of the house of representatives, as authorized by chapter two hundred and seventy-one of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Clerical assistance in the office of the clerk of house of representatives.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners in making certain improvements in the harbor in the vicinity of the Old Corporation wharf in the town of Dennis, subject to a certain condition relative to acceptance by the town of Dennis, as authorized by chapter three hundred and fifty-one of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Improvements in the harbor in the vicinity of Old Corporation wharf in Dennis.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners for the improvement of Wellfleet harbor in the town of Wellfleet, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Improvement of Wellfleet harbor.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for providing a dispensary building at the Medfield state hospital, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

Dispensary building at Medfield state hospital.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain improvements at the Foxborough state

Improvements at Foxborough state hospital.

hospital, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding forty-nine thousand dollars.

Improvements  
at Grafton  
state hospital.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain improvements at the Grafton state hospital, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand dollars, and the unexpended balance of an appropriation made in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen for service building, etc., at said hospital in the sum of forty-six thousand seven hundred thirty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents is hereby re-appropriated.

Enlarging  
breakwater  
in Tisbury.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners for enlarging the breakwater in the town of Tisbury, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

Land for  
school for  
feeble-minded  
in western  
part of the  
common-  
wealth.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity in the purchase of land and other necessary things for a new school for the feeble-minded in the western part of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

Emergency  
repairs at state  
normal art  
school.

To be expended under the direction of the board of education for certain emergency repairs at the state normal art school, as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars.

Improvements  
at Lyman  
school for boys.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Massachusetts training schools for certain improvements at the Lyman school for boys, as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

Salary of ac-  
countant in the  
office of auditor  
of the com-  
monwealth.

For the salary of an accountant in the office of the auditor of the commonwealth, as authorized by chapter two hundred and seventy-four of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty dollars, and the auditor is hereby authorized to use the unexpended balance of the appropriation heretofore made for the salary of the second clerk in said department for the salary of a bookkeeper, as authorized by said chapter two hundred and seventy-four.



For the salary of the assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Norfolk, as authorized by chapter two hundred and eighty of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty-five dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Salary of assistant register of probate, etc., in Norfolk county.

For expenses of the special commission to be appointed to investigate and report as to the advisability of changes in the laws relative to taxation subject to approval as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Investigation as to advisability of changes in laws relative to taxation.

For the purchase by the board of commissioners on fisheries and game of two parcels of land, subject to approval as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten hundred and forty dollars.

Purchase of land by fisheries and game commissioners.

To be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity for certain preliminary engineering and other expenses, subject to approval as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to an unexpended balance of a previous appropriation.

Preliminary engineering for state board of insanity.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners for the protection of a certain shore in the town of Winthrop, subject to a condition as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

Protection of a certain shore in Winthrop.

To be expended under the direction of the board of gas and electric light commissioners for investigation of the operation and effect of the London Sliding Scale System of adjusting the price of gas, and dividends, as applied to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, subject to the conditions as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-one of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, the same to be assessed by the treasurer and receiver general upon the several gas companies in the same manner that other expenses of the board of gas and electric light commissioners are assessed.

Investigation of operation of London Sliding Scale System of adjusting price of gas.

To be expended under the direction of the board of prison commissioners for making certain improvements at the

Improvements at reformatory for women.

reformatory for women, subject to a condition as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-two of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

Improvements  
at Bridgewater  
normal school.

To be expended under the direction of the board of education for certain improvements at the state normal school at Bridgewater, as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-three of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars.

Improvements  
at Norfolk  
state hospital.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Norfolk state hospital for certain improvements at said institution, as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-five of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding ninety-three thousand five hundred dollars.

Improvements  
at industrial  
school for boys.

To be expended under the direction of the trustees of the Massachusetts training schools for certain improvements at the industrial school for boys, as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-six of the resolves of the present year, a sum not exceeding forty thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Dredging  
anchorage  
basin in  
Lynn harbor.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners, for dredging the anchorage basin in Lynn harbor, as authorized by chapter two hundred and ninety-one of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, to be paid from the ordinary revenue, and an additional sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

Expenses of  
division for  
maintenance of  
university  
extension, etc.

To be expended under the direction of the board of education for expenses of a division for the maintenance of university extension and correspondence courses, subject to conditions as authorized by chapter two hundred and ninety-four of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

Registration of  
electricians.

For expenses of the board of commissioners for the registration of persons, firms and corporations designing to install wires or apparatus for electric light, heat or power purposes, subject to the conditions as authorized by chapter two hundred and ninety-six of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

Improving  
entrance to  
Sesuit harbor  
in Dennis.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners for improving the entrance to Sesuit harbor in the town of Dennis, subject to the conditions of chapter three hundred and fifty-five of the Special

Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

To be expended under the direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners for the improvement of Lewis bay in the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, subject to the conditions as authorized by chapter three hundred and fifty-six of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

Improvement of Lewis bay in Barnstable and Yarmouth.

For messenger and additional clerical assistance in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Messenger and clerical service in office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

For the maintenance of each of the following five institutions, sums as mentioned, the same to be in addition to any amounts heretofore appropriated for the purposes: — For the Worcester state hospital, five thousand dollars; Taunton state hospital, six thousand dollars; Westboro state hospital, five thousand dollars; Medfield state hospital, five thousand dollars; Gardner state colony, four thousand dollars.

Maintenance of certain state hospitals, etc.

For stenographers, clerks and other assistants in the office of the fire prevention commissioner, a sum not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose, and to be assessed upon certain cities and towns in the metropolitan district as provided by chapter seven hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Stenographers, etc., in office of fire prevention commissioner.

For rents, travelling and other necessary expenses in the office of the fire prevention commissioner, a sum not exceeding five thousand eight hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose, to be assessed upon certain cities and towns in the metropolitan district as provided by chapter seven hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Rents, etc., in office of fire prevention commissioner.

For clerical services in the office of the commissioners on fisheries and game, a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Clerical services in office of commissioners on fisheries and game.

To be expended under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms, for expenses and rentals of telephone service in the state house, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

Rentals of telephones in state house.

Payments of  
architects for  
plans, etc.

For the payment of architects for plans furnished in accordance with the requirements of chapter five hundred and twenty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, but for which no appropriations have been made, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

Travel, etc., of  
board of parole.

For travel and incidental expenses of the board of parole, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose.

1915, 246, § 1  
(S), amended.

Chapter two hundred and forty-six of the Special Acts of the present year is hereby amended in section one by inserting before the word "for" in the first line, the words: — The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the state forest commission, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the state forest commission. For the acquisition of land and the maintenance of land purchased, as authorized by chapter seven hundred and twenty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose. For expenses of the commission, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Printing town  
boundary  
atlases.

To be expended under the direction of the harbor and land commissioners, for printing town boundary atlases, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, the same to be in addition to any appropriations heretofore made for the purpose.

Conferences of  
school com-  
mittees and  
superin-  
tendents.

The board of education is hereby authorized to pay certain expenses incurred on account of conferences held with certain school committee members and superintendents of schools from the appropriation previously made for expenses of teachers' institutes.

Certain ex-  
penses of  
public service  
commission.

The public service commission is hereby authorized to reduce expenses as authorized by appropriations for experts by three thousand dollars, and increase the expenses authorized by the appropriation for contingent expenses by three thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in the office of the state board of agriculture, as authorized by chapter two hundred and fifty of the General Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, and the appropriations heretofore made of fourteen hundred dollars for a second clerk and sixteen hundred dollars for clerks and lectures are hereby made available to be used for this purpose.

Clerical assistance in office of state board of agriculture.

To be expended under the direction of the metropolitan park commission for suppressing the gypsy and brown tail moth and for other things necessary in connection with the maintenance of the West Roxbury park, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, and for expenses of the apportionment commission on account of expenses of the metropolitan park districts, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, both to be paid from the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

Suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, etc.

For printing the annual report of the free public library commission, the sum of forty-two dollars and seventy cents, the same to be in addition to any amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose.

Printing annual report of free public library commission.

For expenses of renting quarters for pupils of the state normal school at Framingham, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, the same to be paid from the surplus in the State Normal School at Framingham Boarding Hall Fund.

Expenses of renting quarters for pupils at Framingham normal school.

To be expended under the direction of the public service commission, for expenses relative to the capitalization of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, as authorized by chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the Special Acts of the present year, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, the same to be assessed by the treasurer and receiver general upon the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

Expenses relative to capitalization of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 4, 1915.*



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RESOLVE TO CONFIRM CERTAIN ACTS OF JAMES O. OTIS AS *Chap. 1*  
A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

*Resolved*, That the acts of James O. Otis as a justice of the peace, between the sixth day of February and the sixth day of November, nineteen hundred and fourteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office. *Approved February 8, 1915.*

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Acts of James  
O. Otis as  
justice of the  
peace con-  
firmed.

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN *Chap. 2*  
NEEDY PERSONS.

*Resolved*, That the state forester be directed to provide employment for needy persons deemed by him to be worthy thereof, preference being given to residents of the commonwealth and to persons who have others dependent upon them for support. The moneys authorized to be spent under the provisions of this resolve shall be spent upon the improvement and protection of forests and in any other public work which may in the opinion of the state forester be proper. There shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth for this purpose the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, together with any unexpended balances of the amounts appropriated to be used under the provisions of chapter seven hundred and fifty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and chapter five hundred and ninety-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolve, the state forester may appoint his duly accredited agents as special police officers to serve for such period as may be determined by him and subject to removal by him. Such officers shall serve without pay, except their regular compensation as agents or employees of the state forester, and shall receive no fees for services or return of criminal process. They shall have, throughout

Employment  
of certain needy  
persons.

the commonwealth, the powers of constables and police officers to arrest and detain any person violating the law of the commonwealth, but they shall not have power to serve any process in civil cases. The civil service laws and the rules and regulations made thereunder shall not apply to this resolve or to any action taken hereunder.

*Approved February 9, 1915.*

*Chap.* 3 RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF FRANCIS S. BECKFORD AS  
A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Acts of Francis  
S. Beckford as  
justice of the  
peace con-  
firmed.

*Resolved*, That the acts of Francis S. Beckford as a justice of the peace, between the twenty-eighth day of August and the eleventh day of November, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, be hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

*Approved February 9, 1915.*

*Chap.* 4 RESOLVE EXTENDING THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION AP-  
POINTED TO REPORT UNIFORM METHODS AND PROCEDURE  
FOR TAKING LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Time for  
making report  
extended.

*Resolved*, That the existence of the commission appointed under authority of chapter one hundred of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and the time within which it was ordered to report a bill or bills embodying as nearly as possible uniform methods and procedure by which land may be taken for public purposes, are hereby extended to the tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

*Approved February 11, 1915.*

*Chap.* 5 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL TO  
ORDER THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE  
TO THE TRUSTEES UNDER THE WILL OF EDWARD WELLS A  
DUPLICATE INTEREST-BEARING BOND OF THE COMMON-  
WEALTH.

Issuing of  
certain bond to  
trustees under  
will of  
Edward Wells.

*Resolved*, That, if it shall appear by clear and unequivocal proof to the governor and council, after hearing upon a petition presented by the trustees under the will of Edward Wells, late of Burlington in the state of Vermont, that said trustees are the rightful owners of a certain water loan bond of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, numbered three thousand two hundred and fourteen of a par value of two

hundred and fifty thousand dollars, due in the year nineteen hundred and forty-two and bearing interest at the rate of three and one half per cent per annum, and that said bond has been lost or destroyed without bad faith on the part of said owners, that it had been duly registered on the books of the treasurer and receiver general, and that it was unendorsed by the owners or rightful holder thereof at the time of its loss or destruction, the governor and council may in their discretion order that said trustees shall give to the treasurer and receiver general a bond in such amount and with such sureties as the governor and council may determine to be reasonably necessary under the circumstances; conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the commonwealth from any claim on account of said lost or destroyed bond. Upon the issuance of any such order by the governor and council and upon the receipt from said trustees of their bond of indemnity in such amount and with such sureties as the governor and council may prescribe, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the commonwealth from any claim on account of said lost or destroyed bond, the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the trustees under the will of Edward Wells a registered duplicate bond payable at the same time, bearing the same rate of interest and for the same amount as the bond lost or destroyed, and so marked as to show the number and date of the original bond.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

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RESOLVE CONFIRMING CERTAIN ACTS OF JOHN C. L. CLARK *Chap. 6*  
AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

*Resolved,* That the acts of John C. L. Clark as a justice of the peace, between the first day of October and the sixteenth day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

Acts of John C. L. Clark as justice of the peace confirmed.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

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RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE REPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNN UPON A PLAN FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE IN THE CITY OF LYNN. *Chap. 7*

*Resolved,* That the time within which the state department of health and the municipal council of the city of Lynn

Time for making report extended.

shall present to the general court the reports required by chapter sixty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, relative to the disposal of sewage in the city of Lynn, is hereby extended to the first Wednesday of January in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen. The municipal council of Lynn is hereby authorized to appropriate an additional sum of money, not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the said joint board, in case, in the opinion of the board, an additional sum of money is necessary for the completion of the work required by said chapter sixty-three.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

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*Chap.* 8 RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF LUDWIG JOHNSON AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Acts of Ludwig Johnson as a justice of the peace confirmed.

*Resolved*, That the acts of Ludwig Johnson as a justice of the peace, between the twenty-ninth day of May and the nineteenth day of August, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

*Approved February 15, 1915.*

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*Chap.* 9 RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF HARRY F. PHILLIPS AS A NOTARY PUBLIC.

Acts of Harry F. Phillips as notary public confirmed.

*Resolved*, That the acts of Harry F. Phillips of Boston, as a notary public, between the tenth day of October in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

*Approved February 16, 1915.*

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*Chap.* 10 RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO A STATE UNIVERSITY.

Additional copies of report to be printed.

*Resolved*, That there shall be printed at the expense of the commonwealth two thousand additional copies of the report made under chapter one hundred and five of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, of the board of education as to the establishment of a state university, of

which one thousand copies shall be distributed by the board of education and the remaining one thousand by the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives.

*Approved February 17, 1915.*

RESOLVE EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE REPORT OF THE BOARD CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE PORT OF FALL RIVER. *Chap. 11*

*Resolved*, That the time within which the board created for the purpose of developing the port of the city of Fall River is required, under the provisions of chapter seven hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to report to the general court is hereby extended until the fifteenth day of February in the current year, and that said board is hereby authorized to continue its work until said date. *Approved February 17, 1915.*

Time for  
making report  
extended.

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO EXPENDITURES BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 12*

*Resolved*, That the heads of departments and other officials having supervision or charge of expenditures in behalf of the commonwealth for which no appropriations have been made are hereby authorized to continue the said departments and expenditures until appropriations are made therefor, or until the pleasure of the present general court in respect thereto is otherwise made known.

Expenditures  
by heads of  
departments,  
etc.

*Approved February 22, 1915.*

RESOLVE EXTENDING THE TIME FOR THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THE COMPILATION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION. *Chap. 13*

*Resolved*, That the time within which the board of education is required, under the provisions of chapter forty-six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to prepare a compilation of the statutes relating to public education and report to the general court, is hereby extended until February twenty-seventh of the current year.

Time for  
making report  
extended.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

*Chap. 14* RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO MORTGAGES, LIENS AND TAX TITLES.

Additional  
copies of report  
to be printed.

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the report of the special commission appointed, under chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to consider and recommend changes in the law relative to mortgages, liens and tax titles, be printed, in addition to those copies already ordered by the general court, and that the same be delivered to the said commission for distribution and be paid for from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for said commission.

*Approved February 24, 1915.*

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*Chap. 15* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO A COMPILATION OF THE LABOR LAWS.

Compilation  
of labor laws.

*Resolved*, That the commissioner of labor is hereby relieved from making a compilation of the laws of the commonwealth relative to labor and from recommending amendments thereto, as directed by chapter thirty-six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, it appearing that the director of the bureau of statistics has made such a compilation, which is now in the hands of the printer, and that the state board of labor and industries has recommended such changes in the labor laws as meet the approval of the said commissioner.

*Approved March 2, 1915.*

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*Chap. 16* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR CATTLE KILLED AND PROPERTY DESTROYED DURING THE EPIDEMIC OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Compensation  
for cattle killed,  
etc.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of animal industry for the payment of claims for cattle killed and property destroyed during the present epidemic of the foot and mouth disease: *provided*, that in cases where an appraisal has already been made by the state department of animal industry or by the federal department of agriculture, and assented to by the owner, the payment shall be limited to fifty per cent of the appraised value; and that in all other

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cases the payment shall be limited to fifty per cent of the health value of the cattle, to be determined by the commissioner of animal industry, subject, both as regards cattle and other property, to the rights of arbitration and petition in the same manner as provided by section twenty-six of chapter ninety of the Revised Laws, relative to the destruction of animals afflicted with tuberculosis, so far as applicable; and *provided, further*, that in no case shall the percentage of value to be paid by the provisions of this act, added to the amount allowed by the government of the United States, exceed the value as hereinbefore determined.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND A REPORT Chap. 17  
BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE  
TO LIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

*Resolved*, That the Massachusetts highway commission is hereby directed to investigate the necessity and desirability of regulating the use and character of lights on motor vehicles, and to report the result of its investigation to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday of January, accompanying its report with such recommendations for legislation, if any, as it may deem advisable.

Investigation  
as to lights on  
motor vehicles,  
etc.

*Approved March 9, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSING THE CITY OF Chap. 18  
NORTHAMPTON FOR THE SUPPORT OF SMITH'S AGRICULTURAL  
SCHOOL AND NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIES.

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to the city of Northampton for the maintenance and support of Smith's agricultural school and Northampton school of industries, in accordance with the provisions of chapter five hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six.

City of North-  
ampton, reim-  
bursed for cer-  
tain expenses.

*Approved March 10, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FISHERIES OF BUZZARD'S BAY. Chap. 19

*Resolved*, That the board of commissioners on fisheries and game is hereby directed to continue its investigation of the fish and fisheries of Buzzard's bay, as provided by chapter one hundred and four of the resolves of the year nineteen

Continuation  
of investigation  
of fisheries of  
Buzzard's bay.

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Buzzard's bay.

hundred and thirteen, with particular reference to the quantities and spawning of edible and non-edible fish frequenting the bay.

For the said purposes the commissioners may establish, operate and maintain fish traps or pounds, and may authorize others, under their direction, to establish, operate and maintain fish traps and pounds; and may set, operate and maintain movable or stationary apparatus and boats for taking fish, and may take such other action as may be deemed by them proper for carrying out the purposes of this resolve. The proceeds of the sale of any fish taken under this resolve shall be used in such manner as, in the discretion of said commissioners, will facilitate their investigation.

The commissioners shall report to the general court on or before the second Wednesday of January, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, the result of the investigation, with such recommendations as in their opinion may tend to perpetuate and increase the annual yield of useful fish in Buzzard's bay and its tributaries.

*Approved March 11, 1915.*

*Chap. 20* RESOLVE ESTABLISHING THE PILGRIM TERCENTENARY COMMISSION.

Pilgrim  
Tercenary  
Commission.

*Resolved*, That a commission of seven persons, to be known as the Pilgrim Tercenary Commission, shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to devise a plan for the celebration by the commonwealth of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims at Plymouth. The commission shall submit its plan for the celebration of the said anniversary to the general court on or before February first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, whereupon the powers and duties of the commission shall cease. The members shall serve without compensation and without any expense to the commonwealth.

*Approved March 12, 1915.*

*Chap. 21* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATING THE ADVISABILITY OF TAKING BOSTON ROCK AND OTHER PROPERTY NEAR THE MIDDLESEX FELS RESERVATION FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Investigation  
as to taking  
Boston Rock in  
Melrose for park  
purposes.

*Resolved*, That the metropolitan park commission be directed to investigate and report upon the desirability and the cost of taking Boston Rock, so-called, in the city of Mel-



rose, and other property near the Middlesex Fells reservation as a part of the metropolitan park system, and report to the general court on or before the second Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen. *Approved March 12, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR PRINTING THE GENERAL LAWS RELATING TO TOWNS, AS COMPILED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 22*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of the commonwealth, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, for printing the general laws relating to towns as compiled under authority of chapter eighty-six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. *Printing general laws relating to towns.*  
*Approved March 18, 1915.*

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RESOLVE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL SUM BY THE STATE FORESTER IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN NEEDY PERSONS. *Chap. 23*

*Resolved,* That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby authorized to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended by the state forester in the employment of needy persons under the provisions of chapter two of the resolves of the current year; this sum to be in addition to the amounts authorized by the said chapter. *Employment of certain needy persons.*  
*Approved March 19, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE TRUSTEES OF HOSPITALS FOR CONSUMPTIVES RELATIVE TO REIMBURSING CITIES AND TOWNS FOR HOSPITAL CARE OF TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS. *Chap. 24*

*Resolved,* That the state department of health and the trustees of hospitals for consumptives are hereby authorized and directed to investigate the subject of reimbursing cities and towns for money expended by them in the care at hospitals of persons suffering from tuberculosis, and especially the subject-matter contained in senate document number one hundred and two of the current year, and to report the result of their investigation to the general court on or before the second Wednesday of January next, together with any recommendations for legislation which said department and trustees may deem expedient. *Investigation as to reimbursing cities and towns for care of tuberculous patients.*

*Approved March 23, 1915.*

*Chap. 25* RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS TO FURNISH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, A LIST OF PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE CIVIL WAR.

Furnishing list of persons who served in civil war.

*Resolved*, That the director of the bureau of statistics is hereby authorized and directed to transmit to the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, three hundred copies of an alphabetical list, by cities and towns, of those persons recorded by the bureau in the decennial census of nineteen hundred and fifteen as having served in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the civil war. Any expenses incurred under the provisions of this resolve shall be paid out of the appropriation for taking the decennial census. *Approved March 24, 1915.*

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*Chap. 26* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO CONTINUING WORK ON THE CARD CATALOGUE OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

Continuing work on card catalogue in state library.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended by the trustees of the state library, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars for the purpose of continuing work on the card catalogue for public use, the making of which was authorized by chapter fifty-six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. *Approved March 25, 1915.*

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*Chap. 27* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BOARD OF GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN APPLIANCES FOR SHUTTING OFF GAS IN CASE OF FIRE.

Investigation as to certain appliances for shutting off gas in case of fire.

*Resolved*, That the board of gas and electric light commissioners shall investigate and report to the general court not later than the second Wednesday of January next, whether or not in its opinion there are in the market practicable safety gas cocks, valves or other appliances, by means of which the supply of gas to a building can be shut off automatically or manually outside of the building in case of fire or other emergency, the approximate or probable cost of installing and maintaining such appliances, and the conclusions of the board as to the feasibility and desirability of requiring by general law the use of such appliances.

*Approved March 25, 1915.*

## RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF WILLIAM WHITLEY.

Chap. 28

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, from the Soldiers' Gratuity Loan Fund, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to William Whitley of Newburyport, a veteran of the civil war, who served in company G, first regiment, United States infantry, and who never received a bounty for said service. The said sum shall be paid only to the beneficiary named herein or to his executor or administrator.

William  
Whitley.*Approved March 25, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL RELATIVE TO ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE ELECTIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Chap. 29

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the commonwealth and the attorney-general shall consider the feasibility and desirability of legislation to permit, under suitable safeguards and restrictions, absentee voting in the elections of the commonwealth. They shall submit to the general court, not later than the second Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the draft of a proposed bill or, if they deem it necessary, of a constitutional amendment, permitting such absentee voting.

Report as to  
absentee voting.*Approved March 29, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO DISPOSE OF THE PRINTED PUBLIC DOCUMENT SERIES.

Chap. 30

*Resolved*, That cities and towns are hereby authorized to make, from time to time, such disposition of the printed public document series as they deem advisable, subject to the approval of the commissioner of public records.

Cities and  
towns may  
dispose of  
documents.*Approved March 29, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

Chap. 31

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the managers thereof for the charitable purposes of the infirmary during the current year.

Massachusetts  
Charitable Eye  
and Ear In-  
firmary.*Approved March 30, 1915.*

*Chap. 32* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSING THE TOWN OF STURBRIDGE FOR MONEY EXPENDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN PUPILS.

Town of  
Sturbridge  
reimbursed  
for certain  
expenses.

*Resolved*, That the board of education is hereby authorized to reimburse the town of Sturbridge the sum of four hundred eighty-four dollars and twenty cents, for money expended by the town of Sturbridge for the transportation of pupils to the Hitchcock Free Academy, Brimfield, Massachusetts, for the school year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

*Approved March 30, 1915.*

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*Chap. 33* RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Trustees of  
Soldiers' Home  
in Massachu-  
setts.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts the sum of one hundred and five thousand dollars, to be paid for maintenance in equal quarterly instalments, beginning on the first day of February in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, and forty-two hundred and fifty dollars for permanent improvements.

*Approved April 2, 1915.*

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*Chap. 34* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSION ON PROBATION RELATIVE TO THE JUVENILE LAW, SO-CALLED.

Investigation  
as to adminis-  
tration of  
juvenile law,  
so-called.

*Resolved*, That the commission on probation is hereby directed to inquire into the administration of the juvenile law, so-called, under the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto; to investigate the effect of said law and the necessity for any further amendment thereof, having special reference to the co-operation of parents, with a view to an increase in the efficacy of said law for the protection of society and the welfare of such juveniles as may come under the jurisdiction of said court. The commission shall report the result of its investigation, together with such recommendations for legislation, if any, as the commission may deem necessary, to the next general court, on or before the second Wednesday in January.

*Approved April 3, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS TO THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES BY STREET RAILWAY COMPANIES. *Chap. 35*

*Resolved*, That the subject-matter contained in Senate Document No. 247 and House Documents Nos. 1175 and 1316 of the present year be hereby referred to the public service commission, which shall make a study of the existing statutes relative to the repair and maintenance of public ways and places in which street railways are located, and report to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday in January its conclusions with reference to the need of any changes in said statutes, with drafts of bills embodying any recommendations which it may make.

Investigation  
as to repair of  
highways, etc.,  
by street rail-  
way companies.

*Approved April 3, 1915.*

RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF ALFRED P. CATE OF FITCHBURG AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. *Chap. 36*

*Resolved*, That the acts of Alfred P. Cate of Fitchburg, as a justice of the peace, between the twelfth day of October in the year nineteen hundred and twelve and the sixteenth day of February, in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

Acts of Alfred  
P. Cate as Jus-  
tice of the peace  
confirmed.

*Approved April 3, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF EDWARD K. TOLMAN.

*Chap. 37*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to Edward K. Tolman, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount due him for three ballot boxes furnished for the election department of the secretary of the commonwealth in the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred and one.

Edward K.  
Tolman.

*Approved April 5, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW BEDFORD TEXTILE SCHOOL. *Chap. 38*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the trustees of the New Bedford textile school the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars, to be applied to the maintenance and operation of the said

New Bedford  
textile school.

Proviso.

school from July first, nineteen hundred and fifteen, to July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and forty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve: *provided*, that no part of this sum shall be paid until satisfactory evidence has been furnished to the auditor of the commonwealth that an additional sum of ten thousand dollars has been paid to the said trustees by the city of New Bedford, or has been received by them from other sources. The city of New Bedford is hereby authorized to raise by taxation and pay to said trustees such sum of money, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as may be necessary, together with that received from other sources, to secure the amount provided for by this resolve. *Approved April 5, 1915.*

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*Chap. 39* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Additional  
copies of report  
to be printed.

*Resolved*, That there shall be printed at the expense of the commonwealth two thousand additional copies of the report of the board of education, issued in accordance with chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, relative to the support of public schools, of which one thousand shall be distributed by the board of education and the remaining one thousand by the secretary of the commonwealth.

*Approved April 5, 1915.*

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*Chap. 40* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR INVESTIGATION AND ASSISTANCE BY THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WITH DEFECTIVE EYESIGHT.

Investigation  
as to persons  
with defective  
eyesight.

*Resolved*, That there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be expended by the Massachusetts commission for the blind for salaries and expenses of special investigation and other work for persons whose eyesight is seriously defective or who are liable to become visually handicapped or blind; this work to include advice and co-operation as to suitable education for children of school age, vocational guidance and industrial aid in individual cases of adults and minors above school age, and study of similar work done in other states and countries.

*Approved April 5, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE *Chap. 41*  
 FOREST COMMISSION RELATIVE TO A STATE PARK OR  
 FORESTRY RESERVATION AT MOUNT GRACE IN THE TOWN  
 OF WARWICK.

*Resolved*, That the state forest commission is hereby directed to investigate the advisability of establishing a state park or forestry reserve at Mount Grace in the town of Warwick, and also to investigate such other matters in connection therewith as it may deem important, and to report to the next general court, on or before the second Tuesday of January, the results of its investigation, with such recommendations as the commission may deem expedient. *Investigation as to establishing a state park at Mount Grace in Warwick.*  
*Approved April 5, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE PUBLIC *Chap. 42*  
 SERVICE COMMISSION AS TO THE EXPEDIENCY OF LEGIS-  
 LATION RELATIVE TO EXTENSION TELEPHONES AND TO  
 TELEPHONE CHARGES.

*Resolved*, That the public service commission is hereby directed to investigate the expediency of enacting legislation relative to extension telephones and to telephone charges in certain cases, substantially as set forth in senate document number eighty-eight of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen. The commission shall report the result of its investigation to the general court as soon as is practicable. *Investigation as to extension telephones and to telephone charges.*  
*Approved April 6, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE WIDOW AND MINOR CHILDREN OF *Chap. 43*  
 JAMES A. CULLY.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth an annuity of five hundred dollars, for the term of five years, to Katherine L. Cully of Boston, widow of James A. Cully, and to his minor children. Said James A. Cully died on the thirteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fourteen, from an injury received while in the service of the commonwealth as a member of the Massachusetts volunteer militia. Said annuity shall be paid in equal quarterly instalments, beginning on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, but in case said widow remarries, or in case of her death during the said term of years, the annuity shall be paid to the guardian of the *Katherine L. Cully and children.*

minor children of said James A. Cully for the remainder of said term. This annuity shall be in full compensation for the services and injuries of the said James A. Cully.

*Approved April 7, 1915.*

**Chap. 44** RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE PITTSFIELD ANGLERS' CLUB.

Pittsfield  
Anglers' Club.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty-nine dollars to be expended by the board of commissioners on fisheries and game for the reimbursement of the Pittsfield Anglers' Club for money expended by the said club during the summer of nineteen hundred and fourteen in the construction and maintenance of a screen in Onota lake in the city of Pittsfield for the preservation of the salmon in said lake.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

**Chap. 45** RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF JOHN E. ABBOTT.

John E.  
Abbott.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to John E. Abbott, clerk of the senate committee on rules since the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars during his life, payable in equal monthly instalments. In case of his retirement as such clerk during a session of the general court, said annuity shall be so allowed and paid from the date of retirement, and in case he should not be appointed as such clerk in any year, the annuity shall be so allowed and paid from the first day of January in that year.

*Approved April 12, 1915.*

**Chap. 46** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BOARD OF GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE INSPECTION AND TESTING OF GAS METERS.

Investigation  
as to inspection  
and testing of  
gas meters.

*Resolved*, That the board of gas and electric light commissioners is hereby directed to investigate the subject-matter of the bill printed as House Document No. 1144 of the present year in regard to the inspection and testing of gas meters, and as to the necessity or desirability of legislation substantially in conformity with said bill, or as to any other legislation in regard to gas meters. The board shall report the result of its investigation, with drafts of any legislation recommended by it, to the next general court, on or before the second Wednesday in January.

*Approved April 19, 1915.*



RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF *Chap. 47*  
BARNSTABLE.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated County tax,  
Barnstable. for the expenses of the county of Barnstable, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the

current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes. *Approved April 21, 1915.*

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*Chap. 48* RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE.

County tax,  
Berkshire.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Berkshire, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding eighty thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars. County tax, Berkshire.

For the care and maintenance of the Greylock state reservation, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the care and maintenance of the Mount Everett state reservation, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of one hundred eighty-seven thousand sixty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

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RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL. *Chap. 49*

*Resolved,* That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Bristol, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: — County tax, Bristol.

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding forty-one thousand five hundred dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding sixty-two thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding fifty-two thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding one hundred and five thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-one thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

County tax,  
Bristol.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For agricultural school, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

*Chap. 50* RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF  
DUKES COUNTY.

County tax,  
Dukes County.

*Resolved,* That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Dukes County, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. County tax,  
Dukes County.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding eight hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding sixty-five dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding five hundred and seventy dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of eleven thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes. *Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF ESSEX. *Chap. 51*

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Essex, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: — County tax,  
Essex.

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding forty-two thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding eighty thousand dollars.

County tax,  
Essex.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding forty-two thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

For trial justices, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding thirty-seven thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding five hundred two dollars and sixty cents.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the maintenance of the independent agricultural school, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of seven hundred and three thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF  
HAMPDEN. *Chap. 52*

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Hampden, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: — County tax,  
Hampden.

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding twenty-three thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding forty-five thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For trial justices, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

County tax,  
Hampden.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred forty-one dollars and twenty-six cents.

For the care and maintenance of the Mount Tom state reservation, a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars.

For leasing land for labor of prisoners, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For Hampden County Improvement League, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

*Chap. 53* RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE.

County tax,  
Hampshire.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Hampshire, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding five hundred and fifty dollars.



For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred dollars. County tax, Hampshire.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For building county buildings, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For Mount Tom reservation, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars.

For The Hampshire County Farm Improvement Bureau Inc., a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of one hundred two thousand two hundred fourteen dollars and eighty-two cents, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipt from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX. *Chap. 54*

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Middlesex, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: — County tax, Middlesex.

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding thirty-three thousand dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding forty-eight thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding forty-two thousand dollars.

County tax,  
Middlesex.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding sixty thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding ninety-five thousand dollars.

For trial justices, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding forty-five thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding seventy thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

For training schools, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of eight hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred seven dollars and thirty-six cents, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF *Chap. 55*  
NORFOLK.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated County tax,  
Norfolk. for the expenses of the county of Norfolk, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding twenty-one thousand five hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding forty thousand five hundred dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding twenty-eight thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For farm bureau, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

County tax,  
Norfolk.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding two thousand seven hundred eighty dollars and fifty-two cents.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

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*Chap. 56* RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF  
PLYMOUTH.

County tax,  
Plymouth.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Plymouth, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For reduction of county debt, a sum not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand three hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding five thousand eight hundred dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars. County tax, Plymouth.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding three hundred and sixty dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding seven thousand two hundred thirty dollars and ninety-eight cents.

For farm bureau, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of one hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER. *Chap. 57*

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Worcester, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: — County tax, Worcester.

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding sixty-eight thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding seventy-three thousand dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars.

County tax,  
Worcester.

For trial justices, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

For building county buildings, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding seventy thousand dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars.

For training school, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For Wachusett Mountain reservation, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

For The Worcester County Farm Bureau (Incorporated), a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding seven thousand one hundred dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of three hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

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*Chap. 58* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF COLONEL HENRY TILLINGHAST SISSON.

Erection of  
monument to  
Col. Henry  
Tillinghast  
Sisson.

*Resolved,* That a commission of three persons be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to act with a commission already appointed

by the governor of the state of Rhode Island, to arrange for the erection of a monument at the grave of Henry Tillinghast Sisson, colonel of the Fifth Rhode Island heavy artillery, who, by his generalship and daring, on the night of April thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, brought his regiment to the relief of the city of Washington, North Carolina, and by so doing rescued from imprisonment or destruction a large number of men of the twenty-seventh and forty-fourth regiments of the Massachusetts volunteer militia. The commission shall serve without compensation, but there may be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, upon the approval of said commission, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars toward the erection of said monument. *Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF EDWARD HARRINGTON OF BOSTON. *Chap. 59*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth an annuity of three hundred dollars to Edward Harrington of Boston, whose son, John A. Harrington, on the twenty-seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and thirteen, was shot and mortally wounded while in the discharge of militia duty in the town of Sandwich. Said annuity shall begin on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and shall be paid quarterly to said Edward Harrington or his widow for the term of five years, if they or either of them shall so long survive.

Edward  
Harrington  
of Boston.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING OF A HIGHWAY BETWEEN BOSTON AND WORCESTER. *Chap. 60*

*Resolved,* That the Massachusetts highway commission is hereby requested to make an investigation as to the expediency and probable cost of widening a highway between Boston and Worcester by way of the turnpike in Shrewsbury to such an extent as, in the opinion of the commission, may be desirable to shorten the route and otherwise to accommodate public travel, and also as to the expediency of employing the labor of prisoners in connection with said work. The commission shall report the result of its investigation to the next general court.

Investigation  
as to widening  
of a highway  
between Boston  
and Worcester.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

*Chap. 61* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND TRANSFER PRIVILEGES AT THE DUDLEY STREET TERMINAL OF THE BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY AND RELATIVE TO STATIONS AT DALE STREET AND EGLESTON SQUARE.

Investigation  
as to transpor-  
tation facilities  
at Dudley  
street terminal,  
etc.

*Resolved*, That the public service commission is hereby directed to investigate the operation of elevated and surface cars at the Dudley street terminal in the city of Boston, and the advisability and practicability of requiring the Boston Elevated Railway Company to issue to each passenger a free transfer ticket enabling him to transfer from any car of said company running into said station or terminal, or on any street adjoining the same, to any other car of the said company going in the same general direction as the car on which the transfer ticket was issued and running from any part of said station or terminal or on any street adjoining the same, and that the said commission be further directed to investigate the general necessity and practicability of an elevated station at the corner of Dale and Washington streets, and also the need of a more extended use of the Egleston square station in Boston. The commission shall report its conclusions, with such recommendations as it may deem expedient, to the general court on or before the second Tuesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

*Approved April 21, 1915.*

*Chap. 62* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BRADFORD DURFEE TEXTILE SCHOOL OF FALL RIVER.

The Bradford  
Durfee Textile  
School of Fall  
River, mainte-  
nance.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the trustees of The Bradford Durfee Textile School of Fall River the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of said trustees for the maintenance of said school for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and for additional equipment for said school the further sum of two thousand dollars. The city of Fall River is hereby authorized and directed to raise by taxation and to pay to said trustees such sum of money, not exceeding eight thousand dollars, as may be necessary to provide for instruction in the said school for residents of Fall River.

*Approved April 22, 1915.*



RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE LOWELL TEXTILE SCHOOL. *Chap. 63*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to the trustees of the Lowell textile school, the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the maintenance of said school from July first, nineteen hundred and fifteen to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen; the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for additional equipment for the school and for grading and fencing grounds; and the sum of seven hundred eighty dollars and eighty cents to meet a deficiency in maintenance for the last fiscal year. The city of Lowell is hereby authorized and directed to raise annually by taxation and pay to said trustees such a sum of money, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as may be necessary to provide for evening instruction in said school for residents of Lowell.

Lowell textile school.

*Approved April 22, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION AND THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO OCEAN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF REVERE. *Chap. 64*

*Resolved*, That the metropolitan park commission and the Massachusetts highway commission, sitting as a joint board, are hereby directed to investigate the desirability of making that part of Ocean avenue in the city of Revere, extending from Elliot circle to Revere street, a metropolitan boulevard or parkway or a state highway, and the probable cost of making the said avenue either a metropolitan boulevard or parkway or a state highway. The joint board shall report the result of its investigation to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday of January, with such recommendations as it may deem expedient.

Investigation as to making Ocean avenue in Revere a boulevard, etc.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF AUGUSTUS A. COOKE AS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LUNENBURG. *Chap. 65*

*Resolved*, That the election of Augustus A. Cooke, as a member of the municipal light board of the town of Lunenburg, at the annual town meeting held on the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifteen, as declared by the

Election of certain person to municipal light board in Lunenburg confirmed.

election officers, is hereby confirmed and made valid, in the same manner as if the article in the warrant for the annual town meeting of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen called for the election of a member of the municipal light board for the term of three years.

*Approved April 26, 1915.*

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*Chap. 66* RESOLVE GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

County tax,  
Franklin.

*Resolved*, That the following sums are hereby appropriated for the expenses of the county of Franklin, for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen: —

For interest on county debt, a sum not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For salaries of county officers and assistants, fixed by law, a sum not exceeding seven thousand six hundred dollars.

For clerical assistance in county offices, a sum not exceeding two thousand six hundred dollars.

For salaries and expenses of district and police courts, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars.

For salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For criminal costs in the superior court, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

For civil expenses in the supreme judicial and superior courts, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

For transportation expenses of county and associate commissioners, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

For medical examiners, inquests, and commitments of the insane, a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars.

For auditors, masters and referees, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars.

For repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

For fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, and for care of the same, a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred dollars.

For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, a sum not exceeding forty-two thousand two hundred dollars.

For law libraries, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. County tax, Franklin.

For pensions, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses of the current year, a sum not exceeding seven hundred eighty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents.

For Mount Sugar Loaf reservation, a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars.

For Franklin County Farm Bureau, Inc., a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

And the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of ninety-two thousand dollars, to be expended, together with the cash balance on hand and the receipts from other sources, for the above purposes. *Approved April 27, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSING COMPANY I, SIXTH REGIMENT INFANTRY, MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER MILITIA, FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE FROM THE COMPANY FUNDS. *Chap. 67*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the captain of company I, sixth regiment infantry, Massachusetts volunteer militia, the sum of one hundred and sixty-eight dollars, for the use of the company, said amount having been expended from the funds of the company in protecting the property of the commonwealth and of the United States after the partial destruction by fire in December, nineteen hundred and twelve, of the armory at Concord. Company I, sixth regiment, M. V. M., reimbursed for certain expenditures.

*Approved April 27, 1915.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITY TO EXPEND AN ADDITIONAL SUM IN PREPARING AND PUBLISHING A MANUAL OF LAWS CONCERNING THE CHARITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 68*

*Resolved,* That the state board of charity is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars, in the preparation and publication of the manual of laws concerning the charities of the commonwealth, authorized by chapter fourteen of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, the said sum to be inclusive of the sums authorized by the said chapter. Preparation, etc., of manual of laws concerning charities.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

*Chap. 69* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE ATLAS SHEETS  
COMPRISING THE TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP OF MASSACHUSETTS  
AND FOR THE SALE OF SAID SHEETS.

Changes in  
atlas sheets  
comprising  
topographical  
map.

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to make necessary changes in and additions to the atlas sheets comprising the topographical map of the commonwealth of Massachusetts prepared by the United States geological survey, and to publish an edition or editions of said atlas sheets embodying such changes and additions as will show as nearly as possible the present conditions. Said board is authorized to sell to the public the corrected atlas sheets at the same price fixed by the United States authorities for the sale of said sheets prepared by the United States geological survey, and shall pay into the treasury of the commonwealth monthly the proceeds of all such sales. The board may expend for the purposes of this resolve a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

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*Chap. 70* RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS TO PREPARE AND PRINT A MANUAL OF LAWS  
RELATIVE TO PRISONS.

Preparation  
and printing  
manual of laws  
relative to  
prisons.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be expended by the board of prison commissioners in the preparation and printing of a manual to contain the laws relative to prisons and such other information as the commissioners may determine. *Approved April 28, 1915.*

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*Chap. 71* RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRIAL  
SCHOOL FOR DEAF MUTES.

New England  
Industrial  
School for  
Deaf Mutes.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to the New England Industrial School for Deaf Mutes, upon the approval of the board of education, the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of said school for the educational purposes of the school for the year nineteen hundred and fifteen. The trustees shall report to the board of education the expenditures made under authority of this resolve.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

## RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF EDWARD B. ATWOOD.

Chap. 72

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to Edward B. Atwood of Norwood the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for injuries to his property sustained on the eleventh day of November in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen by reason of a defect in the state highway in the town of Middleborough: *provided*, that the Massachusetts highway commission shall determine that he is equitably entitled to the same and shall so certify in writing to the auditor of the commonwealth.

Edward B.  
Atwood.*Approved April 28, 1915.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING AN EDITION OF THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Chap. 73

*Resolved*, That the board of education be authorized to print ten thousand copies of the laws relating to public education, as compiled under authority of chapter forty-six of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Printing laws  
relative to  
public educa-  
tion.*Approved April 28, 1915.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOMESTEAD COMMISSION.

Chap. 74

*Resolved*, That the homestead commission is hereby authorized to print for public distribution one thousand additional copies of its second annual report, the expense to be paid out of the appropriation made for the commission for the present year.

Printing addi-  
tional copies of  
second annual  
report of  
homestead  
commission.*Approved April 28, 1915.*

RESOLVE DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY BETWEEN THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM AND STONY BROOK RESERVATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Chap. 75

*Resolved*, That the metropolitan park commission is hereby authorized and directed to report to the next general court, on or before the first Monday in February, its recommendations for the proper development of the West Roxbury parkway between the Arnold arboretum and Stony Brook reservation in Boston, including the location of driveways therein and such other improvements as the commission may deem proper for the development of said land for a

Investigation  
as to develop-  
ment of West  
Roxbury park-  
way.

parkway connecting the Arnold arboretum with Stony Brook reservation. The report shall be in print and shall be accompanied by such plans as the commission may deem necessary. For the purposes of this resolve, the commission may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid out of the Metropolitan Parks Maintenance Fund.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

**Chap. 76** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NORTH METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Improvements  
in north  
metropolitan  
sewerage  
system.

*Resolved,* That the metropolitan water and sewerage board is hereby authorized to use the balance remaining of the amount appropriated for repairing the damage done by a recent explosion at the metropolitan sewerage pumping station in East Boston for the extension of existing works in the north metropolitan sewerage system and the construction of such new works as the board may deem necessary for the said north system.

*Approved April 28, 1915.*

**Chap. 77** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ADVISABILITY OF EXTENDING THE STATE HIGHWAY ALONG THE NORTHERLY BANK OF THE MERRIMAC RIVER IN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND THE TOWN OF DRACUT.

Report as to  
advisability of  
extending state  
highway along  
Merrimac  
river, etc.

*Resolved,* That the Massachusetts highway commission shall make an investigation as to the cost and advisability of extending the state highway along the northerly bank of the Merrimac river in the towns of Dracut and Methuen, which was authorized by chapter six hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, from the end of the present state highway at the boundary line between the town of Dracut and the city of Lowell westerly to Bridge street in the city of Lowell. The highway commission shall report to the next general court not later than the second Wednesday in January, with an estimate of the probable cost of extending the said highway.

*Approved April 29, 1915.*

**Chap. 78** RESOLVE EXTENDING THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY REPORT RELATIVE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE CITIES AND TOWNS WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

Time for  
making report  
extended.

*Resolved,* That the time for making the report by the public service commission, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the resolves of the year nine-

teen hundred and fourteen, relative to street railway and railroad service within the metropolitan district is hereby extended to the fifteenth day of April in the current year.

*Approved April 29, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE SAFETY ON PUBLIC WAYS OF HORSES AND HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES.

*Chap. 79*

*Resolved*, That the Massachusetts highway commission shall investigate the construction and maintenance of highways by the state and by the counties, cities and towns therein, and by the metropolitan park commission, excluding ways in thickly settled parts of cities or towns, with a view to ascertaining and recommending the best method or methods of constructing and maintaining in such highways a safe surface for horses and horse-drawn vehicles, and under what circumstances the surface of the whole roadway should be made safe for horses and horse-drawn vehicles, and under what circumstances a separate roadway for horse travel should be provided on one or both sides of the highway. The commission shall report one or more plans to accomplish the object aforesaid as the different conditions of such highways may require, and shall report to the next general court not later than the tenth day of January.

Investigation as to safety on public ways of horses and horse-drawn vehicles.

*Approved May 4, 1915.*

RESOLVE CONFIRMING THE ACTS OF MARY AGNES MAHAN AS A SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

*Chap. 80*

*Resolved*, That the acts of Mary Agnes Mahan of Boston, as a special commissioner, between the seventh day of September in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and the eighteenth day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time she had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

Acts of Mary Agnes Mahan as special commissioner confirmed.

*Approved May 5, 1915.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL BOARD TO REPORT UPON THE PRACTICABILITY OF PROVIDING MILITARY EDUCATION FOR BOYS AND OF CREATING A MILITIA RESERVE.

*Chap. 81*

*Resolved*, That three officers of the militia of the rank of captain or higher rank, and six persons not members of the militia, all to be appointed by the governor within two

Special board to report as to providing military education for boys, etc.

Special board  
to report as to  
providing mili-  
tary education  
for boys, etc.

weeks after the passage of this resolve, shall constitute a board to inquire into and report upon the following matters: —

(1) The practicability of providing military education for boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one for the purpose of securing a proper military training and discipline for the youths of this commonwealth and improving their physical, moral and mental qualities and for providing for the commonwealth an adequate basis for a citizen soldiery.

(2) The practicability of providing military training for youths in the public high schools.

(3) The advisability of requiring enrolment in the Massachusetts volunteer militia for a period of three years of all male citizens and of such as have declared their intention to become citizens upon attaining the age of twenty-one years, or a sufficient number thereof to maintain the several organizations of the Massachusetts volunteer militia at the maximum strength prescribed by law.

(4) The practicability of creating a militia reserve in the commonwealth, including: —

*A.* The keeping of records by state authorities of all retired members of the militia, with names and addresses for a period of seven years after the termination of their enlistment;

*B.* Provisions for limited periods of training for such retired members;

*C.* Organization of said militia reserve and methods by which it might be mustered as active militia in case of need;

*D.* The cost to the state of any plan recommended by the board.

The board is authorized, in its discretion, to consider any related matter whether or not the same is particularly mentioned in this resolve. The members of the board shall serve without pay, but the board may employ a clerk and incur such expense in the performance of its duty, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may be authorized by the governor and council. The board shall report the result of its investigations to the general court on or before the second Wednesday in January in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, and shall accompany its report with such recommendations for legislation as the board may deem advisable.

*Approved May 6, 1915.*



RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS TO THEIR NEW LOCATIONS IN THE STATE HOUSE. *Chap. 82*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars for the expense of the removal of the various departments of the commonwealth to the rooms which may be assigned to them in the state house, by the governor and council, as soon as the rooms in the state house wings are finished and ready for occupancy. The sergeant-at-arms shall have charge of the removal under this resolve and the amount hereby authorized shall be expended under his direction.

Removal of state departments to their new locations in state house.

*Approved May 6, 1915.*

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF THOMAS F. PEDRICK. *Chap. 83*

*Resolved*, That Thomas F. Pedrick, provided that he remains in the service of the commonwealth after the twentieth day of February in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, be continued in the retirement association, and that the provisions of chapter five hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, and of acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, requiring compulsory retirement at the age of seventy years shall not apply to him.

Retirement of Thomas F. Pedrick.

*Approved May 6, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE FORESTER RELATIVE TO THE TAKING OF MOUNT HOLYOKE AS A STATE RESERVATION. *Chap. 84*

*Resolved*, That the state forester shall investigate and report to the next general court, not later than the third Wednesday of January, as to the advisability, practicability and cost of taking and maintaining Mount Holyoke as a state reservation, with such other information relating thereto as he may deem expedient.

Investigation as to taking of Mount Holyoke as state reservation.

*Approved May 7, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A REPORT BY THE BOARD OF HARBOR AND LAND COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE USE OF BEACHES IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX. *Chap. 85*

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners shall cause to be made a survey of the sea beaches

Report relative to use of beaches in Essex county.

Report relative  
to use of  
beaches in  
Essex county.

in the county of Essex, and shall report to the general court not later than the second Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen, with such recommendations as the board may deem expedient for regulating the public and private use of the said beaches, or any of them, and for the protection of the rights of the public therein. For this purpose the board may expend such sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may be approved by the governor and council.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 86* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR SUCH FURNITURE AND FIXTURES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEW WINGS OF THE STATE HOUSE.

Furniture, etc.,  
for new wings  
of state house.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars for furnishing the large hearing room in the east wing of the state house, and for procuring such other new furniture and fixtures as may be required to complete the necessary office equipment of the various departments that are to be moved into the new wings of the state house. This sum shall be in addition to any sums heretofore appropriated for new furniture and fixtures, and shall be expended under the direction of the state house commission, in accordance with section seventeen of chapter ten of the Revised Laws.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 87* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE COST OF EXTENDING THE WOBURN PARKWAY IN THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER.

Investigation  
as to cost of  
extending  
Woburn park-  
way in  
Winchester.

*Resolved*, That the metropolitan park commission be directed to investigate and report to the next general court on or before the second Monday in January, the cost of acquiring land for and constructing an extension of the Woburn parkway from Pond street to Wildwood street in the town of Winchester, or to such other street or point in said town as will furnish a through connection with the Mystic Valley parkway.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 88* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES OF DISTRICT, POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Certain  
expenses of  
association of

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding four hundred

dollars, for printing, typewriting, stationery and postage, to be expended under the direction of the executive committee of the association of justices of district, police and municipal courts of Massachusetts in unifying and improving the practice and forms of procedure in said courts. The said sum shall be available from year to year until it is exhausted, without further appropriation.

justices of  
certain courts.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH RELATING TO FISH AND GAME. *Chap. 89*

*Resolved,* That the board of commissioners on fisheries and game be directed to publish, as soon as may be, and in appropriate form for public distribution, the laws of the commonwealth relating to fish and game. For this purpose the board may expend a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars.

Publication of  
laws relating to  
fish and game.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

RESOLVE MAKING PROVISION FOR CERTAIN INDEXES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 90*

*Resolved,* That there may be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the secretary of the commonwealth in making suitable provision in his office for the indexes of births, marriages and deaths.

Certain indexes  
in office of  
secretary.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY COMMISSION AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN HIGHWAY IN THE TOWN OF HINGHAM. *Chap. 91*

*Resolved,* That the Massachusetts highway commission is hereby directed to make an investigation, and to report to the general court not later than January fifteenth, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, as to the advisability and probable expense of constructing a highway in the town of Hingham connecting the easterly end of the state highway on Lincoln street with the Nantasket beach reservation, either by the use or widening of existing ways, or, in whole or in part, upon a new location, and to make such surveys and plans as it may deem necessary, said report to be based upon the construction of a road of suitable width

Investigation  
as to construc-  
tion of certain  
highway in  
Hingham.

and character to accommodate the traffic. In carrying out the provisions of this resolve, the commission may expend such sum as it may deem necessary.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 92* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
CONCORD RIVER IN THE TOWN OF BILLERICA.

Improvement  
of Concord  
river in  
Billerica.

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to improve that part of the Concord river within the town of Billerica by removing rocks and other obstructions, and to expend therefor, from the appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors authorized by chapter six hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve, such amount as, in the opinion of the board, may be necessary and advisable: *provided*, that the town of Billerica shall pay into the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the same to be expended by said board for the above purpose in addition to the amount which said board is hereby authorized to expend from the appropriation aforesaid; and the said town is hereby authorized to appropriate the said sum, and to raise the same by taxation.

Proviso.

*Approved May 10, 1915.*

*Chap. 93* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE FURTHER PROTECTION OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE VALLEY OF THE NEPONSET  
RIVER.

Further  
protection of  
public health  
in valley of  
Neponset river.

*Resolved*, That, in addition to the sums authorized to be expended by chapter six hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, by chapter ninety-one of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and by chapter one hundred and forty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the further sum of eight thousand dollars may be expended for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of said chapter six hundred and fifty-five relative to the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river, for making the necessary surveys, investigations and reports required by section four of said act, and for the further purposes of this resolve, hereinafter set forth; the same to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of health.

The expense incurred under this resolve shall be paid and repaid in accordance with the provisions of section five of said chapter six hundred and fifty-five.

To meet that part of the expense incurred under this resolve for which the commonwealth shall be chargeable, the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of section nine of said chapter six hundred and fifty-five, to an amount not exceeding four thousand dollars, the same to be in addition to the bonds or certificates issued under chapter ninety-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen and chapter one hundred and forty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, which latter issues are hereby confirmed and ratified; the total amount of bonds or certificates now to be issued and heretofore authorized and issued being one hundred and one thousand five hundred dollars. The remaining one half of the expense incurred hereunder, in addition to the one half of the expense incurred under the provisions of the acts and resolves hereinbefore mentioned, shall be apportioned and repaid to the commonwealth as provided in said chapter six hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven.

Issue of  
bonds.

The commissioner of health is hereby further authorized and directed to examine the channel of the Neponset river between the Mattapan dam, so-called, and the dam of the Baker chocolate mills, just above Adams street in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, and to report whether its condition is objectionable or likely to be injurious to the public health by reason of obstruction in the channel, deposits of organic matter, or other causes.

Examination of  
channel of  
Neponset river.

If the commissioner shall find that the condition of the river within the limits described is objectionable or dangerous to the public health, he shall recommend a plan for improving the river within said limits and report the same to the next general court, together with an estimate of the probable cost of the necessary improvement.

Plan for im-  
proving river.

The commissioner is further authorized and directed to consider the necessity or desirability of continuing the improvement of the Neponset river by extending the dredged channel from its present terminus below Dean street in Norwood to the neighborhood of the junction of Hawes brook and the Neponset river in the town of Norwood, and of deepening and improving the channel of the Canton river

Continuing  
dredged  
channel, etc.

beyond the limits of the improvement thus far completed. The commissioner shall report his opinion of these proposed extensions to the next general court, together with an estimate of the cost of such improvements as seem to him necessary in the said parts of the river.

Ditching,  
etc., of Fowl  
meadows.

The commissioner is directed to consider also what additional ditching or drainage in the Fowl meadows is necessary or desirable to drain effectually all parts of said meadows into the main channel of the Neponset river or any of its tributaries.

Leveling  
material on  
banks, etc.

The commissioner is further directed to consider the necessity or desirability of leveling further the material already deposited upon the banks of the Neponset river in the operations carried on under the provisions of chapter six hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, chapter ninety-one of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and chapter one hundred and forty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, both within the limits of the lands owned by the commonwealth, and elsewhere along said stream, and to report whether further leveling of these banks is desirable, and, if so, to report to the general court an estimate of the cost of the necessary work, with a recommendation as to the method of assessing the cost thereof.

Reports.

The investigations, reports and estimates herein mentioned shall be presented to the general court on or before the third Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

*Approved May 12, 1915.*

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*Chap. 94* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Improvements  
at Massachu-  
setts Agricul-  
tural College.

*Resolved*, That the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars for the following purposes, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars for an addition to the power plant, and a sum not exceeding sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars for a laboratory for microbiology.

*Approved May 12, 1915.*

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*Chap. 95* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO REVISE AND CODIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

Special commis-  
sion to codify  
laws relating to  
highways.

*Resolved*, That a special commission, consisting of the Massachusetts highway commission and four persons to

be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, three of whom shall be county commissioners, shall consider the general laws relating to the laying out, construction and maintenance of highways and bridges and recommend such changes therein as it may deem advisable. The commission shall investigate such matters pertaining to highways and bridges as it may deem necessary for a complete understanding of the subject. It shall make or cause to be made such a revision and codification of the laws relating to highways and bridges as it may deem advisable with regard to the laying out, construction, maintenance and use of highways and bridges, and shall recommend a reclassification of highways and bridges and a just distribution of the cost of their laying out, construction and maintenance among the municipalities, the counties and the commonwealth. The commission shall report its recommendations, with bills embodying the same, to the next general court not later than the seventh day of January. The members of the commission appointed by the governor shall receive such compensation as the governor and council may approve, and the commission may incur such expenses for legal and clerical assistance and other purposes as the governor and council may from time to time approve.

Special commission to codify laws relating to highways.

*Approved May 12, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THE WORK OF  
THE COMMISSION TO REPORT UNIFORM METHODS OF PRO-  
CEDURE FOR TAKING LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES. *Chap. 96*

*Resolved,* That the tax commissioner, the attorney-general, and the chairman of the homestead commission are hereby directed to continue the work of the commission constituted under chapter one hundred of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, for the purpose of giving publicity to its report, House Document No. 1851 of nineteen hundred and fifteen, of considering any suggestions relative to the bill reported therein, and of reporting such amendments or additions, as they may deem wise, to the next general court, not later than the second Wednesday in January. They shall serve without compensation, but may employ such assistance as may be necessary, and may incur expense therefor, to an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Work of commission to report uniform methods of procedure for taking land, etc., continued.

*Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap. 97* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE TOWNS OF PROVINCETOWN AND TRURO.

Protection of certain territory in Provincetown and Truro.

Proviso.

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to exercise over so much of the territory in the town of Provincetown and in the town of Truro, at and near the boundary line between said towns, as it may deem advisable the same powers and duties with respect to the reclamation and protection of said territory which it now has under existing laws over the province lands at Provincetown, and may expend for the purposes of this resolve such part of the appropriation for said province lands as it may deem necessary or advisable: *provided*, *however*, that no work hereby authorized shall be begun by said board until an agreement between the commonwealth and the owners of the territory to be reclaimed and protected as aforesaid shall have been entered into and shall have been approved by the governor and council, by the terms of which agreement all or a part of the expenditure made by the commonwealth shall be repaid to the commonwealth.

*Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap. 98* RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE STATE FORESTER TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY FOR CONTINUING THE WORK OF THE RELIEF OF NEEDY PERSONS.

State forester may accept contributions of money, etc., for relief of needy persons.

*Resolved*, That the state forester is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the commonwealth, contributions of money from municipalities and individuals, to be used in continuing the employment of certain needy persons, as authorized by chapters two and twenty-three of the resolves of the present year. The money so received shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth and may be expended by the state forester in addition to the money appropriated by the commonwealth for the purposes authorized by said chapters two and twenty-three: *provided*, that none of the money so collected shall be expended after December first, nineteen hundred and fifteen. *Approved May 13, 1915.*

*Chap. 99* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

Distribution of report of commission on

*Resolved*, That the special commission on the white slave traffic appointed under chapter sixty-four of the resolves of



the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby authorized to expend from the unexpended balance of the appropriation made in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, the sum of one hundred and sixty-two dollars and nine cents for certain expenses incurred in distributing the said report.

white slave  
traffic.

*Approved May 15, 1915.*

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A SUM OF MONEY TO THE TOWN OF MEDFIELD FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. *Chap.100*

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid from the treasury of the commonwealth to the town of Medfield the sum of six hundred ninety-two dollars and twenty-nine cents, this sum being equal to the amount that Medfield would have received had not an error been made in the valuation of said town in April, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

Payment of a  
sum of money  
to town of  
Medfield for  
educational  
purposes.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JAMES McGOVERN OF BOSTON. *Chap.101*

*Resolved,* That the metropolitan water and sewerage board is hereby authorized to pay to the dependents of the late James McGovern of Boston the sum of five hundred dollars, in compensation for injuries sustained by him by an explosion which occurred at the East Boston pumping station on June first, in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, and from the effects of which he has since died. The payments shall be made from the North Metropolitan Sewerage Fund. Chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby repealed.

Family of late  
James McGov-  
ern of Boston.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR FIRE ESCAPES AT THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. *Chap.102*

*Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of Massachusetts training schools, for fire escapes at the state industrial school for girls.

Fire escapes at  
state industrial  
school for girls.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

*Chap.103* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO A WATERWAY BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
TAUNTON AND THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

Survey of route  
of proposed  
waterway from  
Taunton to  
Brockton.

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to make such examinations and surveys as it may deem necessary of that part of the Taunton river from Weir Village in the city of Taunton to the dam across said river in that part of the town of Bridgewater known as Pratttown, and of the territory lying between said dam and the city of Brockton, for the purpose of determining the advisability, practicability and approximate cost of providing a continuous waterway between the Taunton river and the city of Brockton, utilizing wholly or in part the Taunton river as far as said dam and constructing in connection with said river a canal between said dam and the city of Brockton. The board may expend for the purposes of this resolve a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, and shall report the result of its examination and surveys to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday in January, with such recommendations for legislation, if any, as it may deem expedient.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

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*Chap.104* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SANATORIUM.

Hampshire  
county  
sanatorium,  
maintenance.

*Resolved*, That of the fourteen thousand dollars appropriated for building county buildings under chapter fifty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, ten thousand dollars shall be used for the maintenance of the Hampshire county sanatorium.

*Approved May 17, 1915.*

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*Chap.105* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Improvements  
at Massachu-  
setts School for  
the Feeble-  
Minded.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars, to be expended at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, under the supervision of the state board of insanity, for constructing a barn, silo and hay barn at Templeton colony.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE *Chap.*106  
MONSON STATE HOSPITAL.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars to be expended at the Monson state hospital, under the direction of the state board of insanity, for increasing the supply of surface water.

Improvements  
at Monson  
state hospital.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE *Chap.*107  
STATE INFIRMARY.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding eighty-six thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars, to be expended at the state infirmary under the direction of the trustees thereof, for the following purposes: — For a hot water circulating system, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars; and for a nurses' home, for one hundred nurses, a sum not exceeding seventy-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-three dollars.

Improvements  
at state  
infirmary.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE *Chap.*108  
GARDNER STATE COLONY.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars, to be expended at the Gardner state colony, under the direction of the state board of insanity, for the following purposes: — For constructing a permanent system of sewerage, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, and for purchasing or taking the estate now or formerly belonging to Hiram Ray and making necessary alterations therein, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars.

Improvements  
at Gardner  
state colony.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE *Chap.*109  
WRENTHAM STATE SCHOOL.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand one hundred

Improvements  
at Wrentham  
state school.

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at Wrentham  
state school.

dollars to be expended at the Wrentham state school, under the direction of the state board of insanity, for the following purposes: — For constructing and furnishing a dormitory to accommodate one hundred and five inmates, a sum not exceeding fifty-one thousand dollars; for constructing and furnishing a home to accommodate twenty-two employees, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand five hundred dollars; for constructing a farmer's cottage, a sum not exceeding three thousand six hundred dollars; and for installing two boilers, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

**Chap.110 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A POWER BOILER AT THE WESTFIELD STATE SANATORIUM.**

Power boiler at  
Westfield state  
sanatorium.

*Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of hospitals for consumptives at the Westfield state sanatorium, for the purchase and installation of a one hundred and fifty horse power boiler.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

**Chap.111 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUMMER PAVILIONS AT THE NORTH READING STATE SANATORIUM.**

Summer  
pavilions at  
North Reading  
state sana-  
torium.

*Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended at the North Reading state sanatorium by the trustees of hospitals for consumptives, a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars for constructing suitable summer pavilions to accommodate eighteen patients.

*Approved May 19, 1915.*

**Chap.112 RESOLVE TO CONFIRM THE ACTS OF ROBERT E. BUFFUM AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.**

Acts of Robert  
E. Buffum as  
justice of the  
peace con-  
firmed.

*Resolved,* That the acts of Robert E. Buffum, now of Cambridge, and formerly of Somerville, as a justice of the peace, between the twenty-seventh day of February in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen and the tenth day of April in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen, are hereby confirmed and made valid, to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of the said office.

*Approved May 20, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER OF CONSERVING AND EQUALIZING THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE RIVERS AND STREAMS OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 113*

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the matter of conserving, utilizing and equalizing the flow of water in the rivers and natural streams of the commonwealth, and may expend in carrying out the purposes of this resolve during the years nineteen hundred and fifteen, nineteen hundred and sixteen and nineteen hundred and seventeen, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation made to carry on the investigation authorized by chapter ninety-five of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen; but not more than ten thousand dollars shall be expended in any one year except that an unexpended balance in any year may be used in the succeeding year for the same purpose. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as applying to any river or natural stream under the jurisdiction and control of any state board or commission other than the board of harbor and land commissioners. Said board shall report to the general court, in print, the results of its investigations and its recommendations.

Investigation as to conserving and equalizing flow of water in rivers and streams, etc.

*Approved May 20, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE FOREST COMMISSION RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A STATE FOREST ALONG THE MOHAWK TRAIL IN THE COUNTIES OF FRANKLIN AND BERKSHIRE. *Chap. 114*

*Resolved*, That the state forest commission is hereby directed to investigate the practicability and advisability, and to estimate the cost, of establishing a state forest along the Mohawk trail, so-called, in the counties of Franklin and Berkshire, and also such other connected matters as it may deem important, and to report to the next general court, on or before the second Wednesday of January, with such recommendations as the commission may deem expedient. For the purposes of this resolve there may be expended from the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars. *Approved May 22, 1915.*

Investigation as to establishing state forest along Mohawk trail, etc.

*Chap.115* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISH HATCHERY ESPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR SHAD.

Establishment of fish hatchery especially for shad.

Proviso.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, to be expended by the commissioners on fisheries and game for the purpose of purchasing, leasing or establishing and maintaining a fish hatchery especially adapted for shad, upon the Taunton river, so-called, or a tributary thereof; for purchasing land and buildings, erecting and equipping buildings and constructing ponds; for the purchase of fish and eggs; and for other necessary expenses in connection with the propagation of food fish: *provided, however*, that no expenditure shall be made or liability incurred by said commissioners under this resolve until, upon request of said commissioners, an examination of the waters of said hatchery and of the Taunton river above and below the same shall have been made by the state department of health and until said department shall certify that the condition of said waters is unlikely, by reason of pollution or other cause, to affect injuriously the carrying out of the proposed plan.

*Approved May 22, 1915.*

*Chap.116* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF MICHAEL WALSH.

Payment of sum of money to Catherine A. Walsh.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, from the appropriation for the payment of claims arising from the death of firemen killed or injured in the discharge of their duties, the sum of one thousand dollars, to Catherine A. Walsh, widow of Michael Walsh formerly district chief of the fire department of the city of Boston, who died from injuries received by him, on the second day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, while in the performance of his official duties.

*Approved May 22, 1915.*

*Chap.117* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF A SCHOOL BUILDING AT THE WESTFIELD STATE SANATORIUM.

Construction, etc., of school building at Westfield state sanatorium.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, to be expended at the Westfield state sanatorium by the trustees of hospitals for consumptives, a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand seven hundred

and twenty-five dollars for the construction and equipment of a school building for the accommodation of school children at the said sanatorium.

*Approved May 24, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD AT THE PRISON CAMP AND HOSPITAL. *Chap.118*

*Resolved*, That the board of prison commissioners is hereby authorized to construct a road from the building of the prison camp and hospital to the Boston and Maine railroad way station in West Rutland and to expend therefor during the year nineteen hundred and fifteen a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars. The plans for said work shall be subject to the approval of the Massachusetts highway commission, and the work shall be conducted under its supervision.

Construction of road at prison camp and hospital.

*Approved May 24, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN REPAIRS AT THE STATE PRISON. *Chap.119*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be expended at the state prison, under the direction of the board of prison commissioners, for repairs on the warden's, deputy warden's and officers' houses.

Certain repairs at state prison.

*Approved May 24, 1915.*

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RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO THE CHELSEA SAVINGS BANK OF CERTAIN MONEYS NOW IN THE TREASURY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap.120*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the Unclaimed Savings Bank Deposits Fund to the Chelsea savings bank for account of Ella L. Platt forty-eight dollars and sixty cents, and for account of Ella C. Leman fifty-one dollars and one cent, respectively, with interest at the rate of three per cent from the date when said sums were paid into the treasury of the commonwealth through a mistake on the part of certain officials of the bank.

Payment to Chelsea savings bank of certain moneys now in treasury of commonwealth.

*Approved May 24, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WELLFLEET HARBOR IN THE TOWN OF WELLFLEET. *Chap.121*

*Resolved*, That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to dredge and improve Wellfleet

Improvement of Wellfleet harbor in Wellfleet.

Improvement  
of Wellfleet  
harbor in  
Wellfleet.

Proviso.

harbor in the town of Wellfleet, at an expense not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars, of which amount sixteen thousand five hundred dollars shall be paid from the ordinary revenue of the commonwealth and fifteen hundred dollars shall be appropriated by the town of Wellfleet, which amount the said town is hereby authorized to raise by taxation or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the commonwealth: *provided*, that no expenditures shall be made upon the improvements hereby authorized until satisfactory evidence has been furnished the auditor of the commonwealth that the town of Wellfleet has complied with the requirements of this resolve.

*Approved May 25, 1915.*

**Chap.122** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A DISPENSARY BUILDING AT THE  
MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL.

Dispensary  
building at  
Medfield state  
hospital.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars may be expended, from the treasury of the commonwealth, at the Medfield state hospital in constructing and furnishing a dispensary building under the direction of the state board of insanity.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

**Chap.123** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE  
FOXBOROUGH STATE HOSPITAL.

Improvements  
at Foxborough  
state hospital.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding forty-nine thousand dollars, to be expended at the Foxborough state hospital, under the direction of the state board of insanity, for the construction and repair of corridors connecting the three present ward buildings and present central dining room, including such changes in piping or other things as may be necessary.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

**Chap.124** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE  
GRAFTON STATE HOSPITAL.

Improvements  
at Grafton  
state hospital.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand dollars, to be expended at the Grafton state hospital, under the direction of the state board of insanity for the following purposes: — For an extension of the hot and cold water system, a sum not ex-



ceeding five thousand dollars; and for building a dining room and service building at the Elms, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars, to be used in conjunction with the unexpended balance of the appropriation made to provide for a service building, central kitchen and dormitory at colony number four, as authorized by chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING WOMEN TO SERVE ON CERTAIN Chap.125  
POLITICAL COMMITTEES.

*Resolved*, That during the calendar year of nineteen hundred and fifteen political committees, as defined by section one of chapter seven hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, the sole purpose of which is to favor or oppose the adoption or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment striking the word "male" from the qualification of voters, may be composed of women of this commonwealth who have resided in the United States for five years prior to the passage of this resolve.

Women may serve on certain political committees during 1915.

*Approved May 26, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR ENLARGING THE BREAKWATER IN Chap.126  
THE TOWN OF TISBURY.

*Resolved*, That, provided the town of Tisbury shall appropriate and raise by taxation or otherwise the sum of one thousand dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth, there shall be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, the sum of ten thousand dollars to be expended by the harbor and land commissioners for the purpose of extending the present breakwater in the said town and of increasing its height.

Enlarging breakwater in Tisbury.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND Chap.127  
PREPARATION OF PLANS FOR A SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the state board of insanity, with the approval of the governor and

Purchase of land, etc., for school for feeble-minded in western part of commonwealth.

council, for the purchase of land for a school for the feeble-minded in the western part of the commonwealth, and for the procuring or making of plans for buildings thereon, and for the arrangement of the grounds.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

**Chap.128** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF A SUM OF MONEY TO JOSEPH HANREDDY.

Payment by  
commonwealth  
of sum of  
money to  
Joseph  
Hanreddy.

*Resolved*, That the metropolitan water and sewerage board be authorized and directed to make such settlement of the claim of Joseph Hanreddy for compensation for money spent and expenses incurred by him in connection with various suits brought against him in the performance of a contract for constructing a pressure tunnel and laying a pipe line in section seven of the Weston aqueduct supply mains in the city of Newton, as appears to them just and equitable, at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be paid from the Metropolitan Water Loan Fund, and the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized to borrow upon the credit of the commonwealth, under the provisions of the general or special laws relative to the loans for metropolitan water construction, such sums, not exceeding ten thousand dollars, as the metropolitan water and sewerage board deem necessary.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

**Chap.129** RESOLVES TO PROVIDE FOR SUBMITTING TO THE PEOPLE THE ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION EMPOWERING THE GENERAL COURT TO AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF LAND TO RELIEVE CONGESTION OF POPULATION AND TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR CITIZENS.

Proposed article  
of amendment  
to constitution  
submitted to  
the people.

*Resolved*, That the following article of amendment to the constitution, having been agreed to by the last and present general court and published in the manner required by the constitution, be submitted to the people for their ratification and adoption: —

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article of  
amendment.

The general court shall have power to authorize the commonwealth to take land and to hold, improve, subdivide, build upon and sell the same, for the purpose of relieving congestion of population and providing homes

for citizens: *provided, however*, that this amendment shall not be deemed to authorize the sale of such land or buildings at less than the cost thereof. Proviso.

*Resolved*, That the people shall be assembled for the purpose aforesaid, in their respective polling places in the several cities and towns in meetings to be legally warned, and held on Tuesday, the second day of November next, at which meetings all persons qualified to vote for state officers may give in their votes by ballot for or against said article of amendment; and the same officers shall preside in said meetings as in meetings for the choice of state officers, and shall, in open meetings receive, sort, count and declare the votes for and against the said article of amendment; and the said votes shall be recorded by the clerks of said cities and towns, and true returns thereof shall be made out under the hands of the mayor and aldermen or board having the powers of aldermen, and of the selectmen, or a major part of them, and of the clerks of the said cities and towns, respectively, and sealed up, and, within ten days after the said meetings, transmitted to the secretary of the commonwealth. So far as the same can be made applicable, the provisions of law applicable to the election of state officers shall apply to the taking of the vote on said article of amendment. Vote upon article, etc.

*Resolved*, That every person qualified to vote as aforesaid may express his opinion on said article of amendment, and the following words shall be printed on the ballot: — Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution, empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified? Question upon ballot.

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| YES. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NO.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

And if said article shall appear to be approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, it shall be deemed and taken to be ratified and adopted by the people.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor and the council shall forthwith open and examine the votes returned as aforesaid; and if it shall appear that said article of amendment has been approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, according to the votes returned and certified as aforesaid, the same shall be enrolled on parchment and deposited in the secretary's office as a part of the constitution of the commonwealth, and shall be published in immediate connection therewith, numbered according to its numerical position, with the articles of amendment of the constitution Examination of returns of votes, etc.

heretofore adopted, in all future editions of the laws of the commonwealth printed by public authority.

Governor to  
issue proclama-  
tion.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor is hereby authorized and requested to issue his proclamation forthwith after the examination of the votes returned as aforesaid, reciting said article of amendment and announcing that the article has duly been adopted and ratified by the people of the commonwealth, and thus becomes a part of the constitution thereof, and requiring all magistrates and officers and all citizens of the commonwealth to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly, or that said article of amendment has been rejected, as the case may be.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

*Chap.130* RESOLVES TO PROVIDE FOR SUBMITTING TO THE PEOPLE THE ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION STRIKING THE WORD “MALE” FROM THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS.

Proposed  
article of  
amendment to  
constitution  
submitted to  
the people.

*Resolved*, That the following article of amendment of the constitution, having been agreed to by the last and present general court and published in the manner required by the constitution, be submitted to the people for their ratification and adoption: —

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article of  
amendment.

Article three of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word “male”.

Vote upon  
article, etc.

*Resolved*, That the people shall be assembled for the purpose aforesaid, in their respective polling places in the several cities and towns in meetings to be legally warned, and held on Tuesday, the second day of November next, at which meetings all persons qualified to vote for state officers may give in their votes by ballot for or against said article of amendment; and the same officers shall preside in said meetings as in meetings for the choice of state officers, and shall, in open meetings receive, sort, count and declare the votes for and against the said article of amendment; and the said votes shall be recorded by the clerks of the said cities and towns, and true returns thereof shall be made out under the hands of the mayor and aldermen or board having the powers of aldermen, and of the selectmen, or a major part of them, and of the clerks of the said cities and towns, respectively, and sealed up, and, within ten days after the

said meetings, transmitted to the secretary of the commonwealth. So far as the same can be made applicable, the provisions of law applicable to the election of state officers shall apply to the taking of the vote on said article of amendment.

*Resolved*, That every person qualified to vote as aforesaid may express his opinion on said article of amendment, and the following words shall be printed on the ballot: —

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, enabling women to vote, be approved and ratified?

. ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Article three of the articles of amendment to the constitution of the commonwealth is hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof the word "male".

And if said article shall appear to be approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, it shall be deemed and taken to be ratified and adopted by the people.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor and the council shall forthwith open and examine the votes returned as aforesaid; and if it shall appear that said article of amendment has been approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, according to the votes returned and certified as aforesaid, the same shall be enrolled on parchment and deposited in the secretary's office as a part of the constitution of the commonwealth, and shall be published in immediate connection therewith, numbered according to its numerical position, with the articles of amendment of the constitution heretofore adopted, in all future editions of the laws of the commonwealth printed by public authority.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be, and he hereby is, authorized and requested to issue his proclamation forthwith after the examination of the votes returned as aforesaid, reciting said article of amendment and announcing that said article has been duly adopted and ratified by the people of the commonwealth, and thus becomes a part of the constitution thereof, and requiring all magistrates and officers and all citizens of the commonwealth to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly, or that said article of amendment has been rejected, as the case may be.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

Question upon ballot.

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| YES |  |
| NO  |  |

Examination of returns of votes, etc.

Governor to issue proclamation.

*Chap.*131 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE STATE NORMAL ART SCHOOL.

Emergency repairs at state normal art school.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, to be expended at the state normal art school, under the direction of the board of education, for making certain repairs necessitated by fire and for emergency repairs to boilers ordered by the state inspector.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

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*Chap.*132 RESOLVE DIRECTING THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT UPON THE STANDARDIZATION OF GRADES AND COMPENSATION IN THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Investigation as to standardization of grades, etc., in civil engineering service of commonwealth.

*Resolved*, That the commission on economy and efficiency be directed to make an investigation relative to the standardization of grades and compensation in the civil engineering service of the commonwealth, as indicated in house document number three hundred and forty-nine of the current year, and to report thereon with any recommendations which the commission may deem expedient, not later than the second Wednesday of January, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

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*Chap.*133 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LYMAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Improvements at Lyman school for boys.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand seven hundred dollars, to be expended at the Lyman school for boys, under the direction of the trustees of Massachusetts training schools, for the following purposes:— For additional equipment for the printing shop, a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars; for shoe machinery, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars and for a new boiler, engine, electrical apparatus, and repairs for the power plant, a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars.

*Approved May 27, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL  
COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT AS TO THE  
ADVISABILITY OF CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO  
TAXATION. *Chap. 134*

*Resolved*, That a special commission composed of two members of the senate, to be appointed by the president, four members of the house, to be appointed by the speaker and two other persons, to be appointed by the governor, shall sit during the recess of the general court, and shall make such investigation relative to the necessity and advisability of changes in existing tax laws, and recommend such suggested changes in the said laws as it shall deem necessary or expedient. Investigation as to advisability of changes in taxation laws.

The said commission shall draft a proposed law or laws providing for the taxation of incomes under power and authority contained in the constitutional amendment, increasing the power of the general court to impose and levy taxes, which is to be submitted to the voters of the commonwealth at the next state election. The said law or laws shall provide for the exemption of property of which the income is made taxable, for the compulsory disclosure or return of the amount and sources of such taxable income, for the compulsory disclosure or return of such other taxable property as the commission may deem advisable or necessary, for the administration of such law or laws by the tax commissioner or under his control, and for increasing the power of the tax commissioner in the assessment of property; and shall contain such other provisions as, in the opinion of said special commission, will be made advisable by the enactment of a law providing for the taxation of incomes under the power and authority contained in the said constitutional amendment. Committee to draft bill for taxation of incomes.

The commission shall report in print to the next general court with drafts of such laws as it may recommend, and it shall file its report with the clerk of the senate or with the clerk of the house not later than the first Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and sixteen. Twenty-five hundred copies of the report shall be printed, of which three hundred and fifty copies shall be reserved for the use of the general court. The remaining copies may, as soon as they are printed, be distributed by the commission in its dis- Report.

cretion; and such of them as have not been distributed by the commission before the first Wednesday in January next shall be deposited in the legislative document room for distribution by the sergeant-at-arms.

Public  
hearings, etc.      The commission shall have a room in the state house assigned for its use, shall give such public hearings as it may deem necessary, may employ such assistance, clerical or otherwise, as it may require, and shall receive such sums for clerical assistance, travel and other expenses, and for the compensation of its members as shall be allowed by the governor and council: *provided, however,* that the whole expense of said commission, including compensation and clerical and other expenses, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Proviso.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

**Chap.135** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FISHERIES AND GAME OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND.

Purchase by  
fisheries and  
game commis-  
sioners of two  
parcels of land.      *Resolved,* That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding ten hundred and forty dollars, to be expended by the board of commissioners on fisheries and game for the following purposes: —

Fortune  
property.      For the purchase of the land with the buildings thereon, known as the Fortune property, consisting of eighty-five acres, more or less, situated in the town of Palmer adjoining the land of the state fish hatchery and being the same premises now held by the commonwealth under a lease, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Daniel Vincent  
land.      For the purchase of a lot of land formerly known as the Daniel Vincent land, consisting of thirty-seven acres, more or less, adjoining the state reservation at Martha's Vineyard, a sum not exceeding forty dollars.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

**Chap.136** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND A REPORT BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING COUNTY OR DISTRICT TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

Investigation  
as to advisa-  
bility of  
establishing      *Resolved,* That the state department of health be authorized and directed to investigate with reference to the



advisability of establishing county or district hospitals for the care and treatment of cases of tuberculosis, from cities and towns having less than fifty thousand inhabitants. Said department shall report the result of its investigation to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday in January, and shall accompany its report with such recommendations for legislation as it may consider to be advisable.

county or district tuberculosis hospitals.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE HOURS OF LABOR OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND RELATIVE TO SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Chap.137

*Resolved*, That the subject-matter contained in the bill relative to the hours of labor of public employees, printed as House Document No. 397, and in the bill relative to Saturday half-holidays for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by or on behalf of the commonwealth, printed as House Document No. 2140, both of the current year, be referred to the commission on economy and efficiency for investigation. Said commission shall report the results of its investigation, together with such recommendations as it may deem advisable, to the next general court on or before the second Wednesday in January.

Investigation as to hours of labor of public employees. Saturday half-holidays, etc.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND FOR SUCH STUDIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NEW HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT. Chap.138

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation made under authority of chapter one hundred and forty of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, to be expended by the state board of insanity, subject to the approval of the governor and council, for the preparation of plans and for such studies relative to water supply, sewage disposal and any other matters necessary

Preparation of plans, etc., for arrangements for insane hospital in metropolitan district.

to complete the preliminary arrangements for the erection of a new hospital for the insane in the metropolitan district.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap.139* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SHORE IN THE TOWN OF WINTHROP.

Protection of  
shore in  
Winthrop.

*Resolved,* That the board of harbor and land commissioners is hereby authorized to provide for the building in the town of Winthrop along the shore of Broad Sound on the easterly side of Point Shirley for the whole, or a part, of the distance from the southerly end of the existing sea wall south of Great Head to Shirley Gut, a sea wall or breakwater, or other form of shore protection sufficient to protect the shore and shore property from damage by the sea, and may expend for the purpose a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars, of which sum fifteen thousand dollars shall be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, and three thousand dollars shall be appropriated by the town of Winthrop, which amount the said town is hereby authorized to raise by taxation, or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the commonwealth: *provided*, that no expenditure shall be made upon the improvements hereby authorized until satisfactory evidence has been furnished to the auditor of the commonwealth that the town of Winthrop has complied with the conditions of this resolve.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap.140* RESOLVES TO PROVIDE FOR SUBMITTING TO THE PEOPLE THE ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL COURT TO IMPOSE TAXES.

Proposed article  
of amendment  
to constitution  
submitted to  
the people.

*Resolved,* That the following article of amendment to the constitution, having been agreed to by the last and the present general court and published in the manner required by the constitution, be submitted to the people for their ratification and adoption: —

## ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates upon income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property. The general court may tax income not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the general court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

Article of amendment.

*Resolved*, That the people shall be assembled for the purpose aforesaid, in their respective polling places in the several cities and towns in meetings to be legally warned and held on Tuesday, the second day of November next, at which meetings all persons qualified to vote for state officers may give in their votes by ballot for or against said article of amendment; and the same officers shall preside in said meetings as in meetings for the choice of state officers, and shall, in open meetings receive, sort, count and declare the votes for and against the said article of amendment; and the said votes shall be recorded by the clerks of said cities and towns, and true returns thereof shall be made out under the hands of the mayor and aldermen or board having the powers of aldermen, and of the selectmen, or a major part of them, and of the clerks of the said cities and towns, respectively, and sealed up, and, within ten days after the said meetings, transmitted to the secretary of the commonwealth. So far as the same can be applicable, the provisions of law applicable to the election of state officers shall apply to the taking of the vote on said article of amendment.

Vote upon article, etc.

*Resolved*, That every person qualified to vote as aforesaid may express his opinion on said article of amendment and the following words shall be printed on the ballot: —

Question upon  
ballot.

Shall the following proposed amendment to the constitution, relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions, be approved and ratified?

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| YES |  |
| NO  |  |

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the general court to impose and levy a tax on income in the manner hereinafter provided. Such tax may be at different rates upon income derived from different classes of property, but shall be levied at a uniform rate throughout the commonwealth upon incomes derived from the same class of property. The general court may tax income not derived from property at a lower rate than income derived from property, and may grant reasonable exemptions and abatements. Any class of property the income from which is taxed under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assessments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution. This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the general court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

And if said article shall appear to be approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, it shall be deemed and taken to be ratified and adopted by the people.

Examination  
of returns of  
votes, etc.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor and the council shall forthwith open and examine the votes returned as aforesaid; and if it shall appear that said article of amendment has been approved by a majority of the persons voting thereon, according to the votes returned and certified as aforesaid, the same shall be enrolled on parchment and deposited in the secretary's office as a part of the constitution of the commonwealth, and shall be published in immediate connection therewith, numbered according to its numerical position, with the articles of amendment of the constitution heretofore adopted, in all future editions of the laws of the commonwealth printed by public authority.

Governor to  
issue proclamation.

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor is hereby authorized and requested to issue his proclamation forthwith after the examination of the votes returned as aforesaid,

reciting said article of amendment and announcing that the article has duly been adopted and ratified by the people of the commonwealth, and thus becomes a part of the constitution thereof, and requiring all magistrates and officers and all citizens of the commonwealth to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly, or that said article of amendment has been rejected, as the case may be.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE OPERATION AND EFFECT OF THE "LONDON SLIDING SCALE" SYSTEM OF ADJUSTING THE PRICE OF GAS AND THE RATE OF DIVIDENDS AS APPLIED TO THE BOSTON CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY. Chap.141

*Resolved*, That the board of gas and electric light commissioners is hereby directed to investigate the operation of the system of an automatic and interdependent adjustment of the price of gas to consumers and the rate of dividends to stockholders, known as the "London Sliding Scale", as applied to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company under the provisions of chapter four hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, the conditions under which the system has been tried and its effect upon the public interest, and to report to the general court on or before the first day of February, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the results of its investigation, with such recommendations, if any, as to the continuance, terms and extension of the system as the board may deem expedient. The board may incur, for the purposes of this resolve, such reasonable expenses in excess of its regular appropriations as may be authorized by the governor and council. Before incurring any expense in excess of its regular appropriations, the board shall estimate its probable amount and submit the estimate to the governor and council for their approval; and no expense shall be incurred by the board in excess of its regular appropriations beyond the amount so estimated and approved. Investigation of operation, etc., of "London Sliding Scale" system of adjusting price of gas, etc.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN. Chap.142

*Resolved*, That the following sums may be expended under the direction of the board of prison commissioners in making certain improvements at the reformatory for women: For repairs to roofing, a sum not exceeding seventeen hundred Improvements at reformatory for women.

Improvements  
at reformatory  
for women.

Proviso.

dollars; for repairing and rebuilding a fence, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars; for installing a fire pump and automatic sprinklers, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars: *provided, however*, that no expenditures shall be made for the said purposes until a plan and specifications therefor have been approved by the governor and council.

For engineering and other services necessary to provide plans and specifications for the installing of a system of electric lighting, and for an estimate of the cost thereof, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap. 143* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE  
STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT BRIDGEWATER.

Improvements  
at Bridgewater  
normal school.

*Resolved*, That the board of education is hereby directed to make expenditures for improvements at the state normal school at Bridgewater to an amount not exceeding thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars, for the following purposes, to wit: —

Fresh air inlets.

For raising and enlarging fresh air inlets in certain buildings, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Heating  
system

For additions to the direct radiation heating system in the school building, a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars.

Plumbing  
system.

For renewal of the plumbing system in the school building, a sum not exceeding fifty-five hundred dollars.

Fire protection  
system.  
Proviso.

For additions to the fire protection system and water supply for domestic purposes: *provided*, that no expenditures shall be made for improvements in Normal Hall, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Repairs to roofs.

For repairs to roofs, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Engineering  
services.

For engineering services in carrying out the improvements as above specified, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

*Chap. 144* RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A COM-  
MISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE SUBJECT OF TERMINAL  
FACILITIES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE  
TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT IN THE METROPOLITAN DIS-  
TRICT.

The Terminal  
Commission,  
appointment

*Resolved*, That a commission be appointed, to be called The Terminal Commission, which shall investigate the

subject of terminal facilities and shall also consider the improvement of facilities for the transportation of freight in the metropolitan district. The commission shall investigate the best method and the means for the development and improvement of the facilities for the transportation of property to, in, and from, and with relation to the city of Boston; the need and possibility of providing necessary interurban facilities for the transportation of freight, including the practicability and probable cost of constructing freight lines for the accommodation of steamships, railroads, warehouses, markets and manufacturing and industrial establishments; the desirability, feasibility and probable cost of promoting business opportunities within the metropolitan district by the establishment of industrial centres, together with the nature of the service and the routes therefor best adapted to meet the transportation requirements of such industrial centres; and the proportion of the cost for the development and improvement of such transportation and for the establishment of such industrial centres which should be borne by the commonwealth, by the city of Boston and by public service corporations, respectively. The commission shall serve without compensation; shall have a room in the state house assigned for its use; shall give such public hearings as it deems necessary; may employ such assistants, clerical or otherwise, as it may require; and shall receive such sums for expenses, travelling and otherwise, necessarily incurred, as shall be allowed by the governor and council; one half of all such sums to be paid by the commonwealth and one half by the city of Boston. The commission shall be constituted as follows:— Two members of the present senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate; three members of the present house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house; two persons, experts on the subject of transportation, to be appointed by the governor; and two persons, experts on the subject of transportation, to be appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston. The commission shall report to the next general court on or before the first day of April.

Investigation  
as to terminal  
facilities, etc.,  
in metropolitan  
district.

Makeup of  
commission.

*Approved May 28, 1915.*

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NORFOLK STATE HOSPITAL.

*Chap. 145*

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of ninety-three thousand

Buildings and  
improvements  
at Norfolk  
State hospital.

five hundred dollars, to be expended at the Norfolk state hospital by the trustees of said hospital as follows: —

Cottages  
for men.

For the building and equipment of five cottages for men, a sum not exceeding forty-three thousand dollars;

Dining room  
building.

For the building and equipment of a dining room building, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars;

Underground  
piping, etc.

For underground piping, conduit and insulation to connect with central heating plant, a sum not exceeding twenty-one thousand dollars;

Sewer and  
water con-  
struction.

For sewer and water construction, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars;

Outside wiring.

For outside wiring, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars;

Additional  
land.

For additional land, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars;

Equipment  
of hydiatic  
department.

For the equipment of a hydiatic department in hospital building, a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

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**Chap.146** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Improvements  
at industrial  
school for boys.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars, to be expended at the industrial school for boys, under the direction of the trustees of Massachusetts training schools, for a fireproof storehouse.

Wing of central  
building, etc.

For one wing of the central building with heating and equipment, a sum not exceeding twenty-one thousand dollars; and for a work-shed, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

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**Chap.147** RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

Representation  
of common-  
wealth at  
Panama-Pacific  
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Exposition.

*Resolved*, That there be allowed and paid from the appropriation authorized by chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the resolves of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the governor and council, to enable the commonwealth to be represented after the prorogation of the present session of the general court at the Panama-



Pacific International Exposition, held in the city of San Francisco, in the state of California, by the following officials, to wit:— His excellency the governor, or his honor, the lieutenant governor; two members of the staff of the governor; the president of the senate; the speaker of the house; two members of the senate, to be appointed by the president; four members of the house, to be appointed by the speaker; and the sergeant-at-arms.

Representation  
of common-  
wealth at  
Panama-Pacific  
International  
Exposition.

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